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AND DESCENDANTS

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OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF THE J. RICE BENSON FAMILY
FROM ILLINOIS
AND
SOME OF THE ALLIED FAMILIES

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HERBERT LEWIS BENSON

AND

WAYNE EUGENE PROCTOR

IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR PATIENCE

AND

UNDERSTANDING, WE LOVINGLY DEDICATE

THIS BOOK

Mary Baber Benson
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Blanche Benson Proctor
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PICTURE OF MR. AND MRS. L. A. BENSON SR. AND THEIR SIX SONS
(Opposite Page)

Front row, left to right: Joseph Rice; Lewis Alonzo Sr; Martha (Hughes) Benson; Charles Edward Benson

Back row, left to right: Samuel Albert; William John; Lewis Alonzo Jr.; and James Andrew Benson

The picture was a copy make from a picture posed by the family. It was used through the courtesy of Miss Lillie Hughes McIntyre.



P R E F A C E

The work of this outline began as a simple listing of the near relatives of Joseph Rice Benson,¹⁹ the father of Mary Blanche (Benson)⁵⁷ Proctor and Herbert Lewis Benson.⁵⁸ The writers were interested in the names of relatives and in the nationality of this line of Benson. As the work grew, names of relatives here-to-fore unknown were added to the list. Gradually the work grew and in so doing became more interesting. It was a challenging effort to obtain a list as complete as possible of Rice Bensons' descendants.

Tracing any family line can be both discouraging and one of great satisfaction. The friends one meets through letters and through the work on research was most rewarding. It was interesting to learn about the people involved in a family history and to know where they lived and what they did as well as something of the times in which they lived. Finally there was a feeling of accomplishment when the facts were set down on paper and one knew he had completed as nearly as possible, a written record of the family line.

Disappointment often comes to one who seeks to find his ancestors for there was always so much more one would like to explore if there was just time and money so that he could visit a court house or a cemetery or the home of a relative. Then there was always that record "that would be just the thing for proof or for a list of children" only it was burned. The most disappointing part though was to come to a place where there was no record of parents or relatives of the one

person important to the history. Like Topsy he seems to have "just grewed up". Such seems to have been the case of Rice Benson. Perhaps some future Benson descendant will be interested enough to take up .. where these writers have left off and will be able to ferret out that information. We hope someday the complete history may be recorded.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S

In a work of this kind it was impossible to thank each and everyone individually. May the authors therefore say that they extend their heartfelt thanks to each of you who have had a part in making the book what it is. Without your help it would never have come into existence.

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Many letters were received from the various cousins and many of the questionnaires were returned with valuable information. With the passing of Mary Blanche (Benson) Proctor,⁵⁷ the list of some of these contributors was misplaced. Therefore, rather than omit or hurt any one who has so graciously assisted in the compilation of information, the writers have omitted a list of names here. It was tried however, to give credit in the write-ups of each section, to those who had sent material for that part.

Please be assured that the writers appreciated the help of each one of you and please accept their heartfelt thanks.

I N T R O D U C T I O N

The information contained in this book, has for the most part, been assembled from the material that you and your cousins sent to the writers. Information was also used from the following sources:

1. County Court records of both Randolph and Perry counties;
2. A review of genealogies of related families;
3. Local census reports;
4. United States Census reports in both the original form on file in the National Archives in Washington D.C. and microfilm copies in the Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library and in the Later Day Saints Church Genealogy Church Library, Salt Lake City.
5. Military records on file in the General Services Administration, Washington D.C.;
6. News paper articles dealing with the family;
7. And finally from reading many histories and biographies of both the area and the people involved in this report.

Where there has been a difference in dates or facts between family records and legal records, a mention has been made of both.

If one person seems to have a longer and more complete write-up than his cousin, it is not because the writers meant to disparage any one but they could not write what they didn't have. Some of you were more generous in answering questionnaires or referring us to

sources of information. Some of you have been more active in public affairs and thus received more newspaper notices or biographical write-ups. Some families have kept family Bibles of their grandparents that held many dates and names that helped us.

The writers have tried to build an interesting and as nearly as possible, an authentic history of J. Rice Benson' and his many descendents. It has been fun to gather this material and the writers hope you will enjoy the reading and will find this book a valuable record of YOU and YOUR family.

How to Use This History

In order that the use of this book may be made easier it was felt a few lines of explanation might be helpful.

First, the History was divided into several Parts. Part I dealt with the Table of Contents, Introduction, etc. Part II contained the main body or the biographical part of the history. It contains the names, dates of births, deaths and marriages and some interesting information of the persons included. Part III included the information of related families where the family effects several different families in the Hisotry. Part IV is the alphabetical index.

Part II was divided into eight Sections. One was for J. Rice Benson and one was for each of his (7) children. In each section the person and his descendants were discussed.

Since there were many descendants of the same name, a number has arbitrarily been assigned to each descendant and was always used for that one person. An example was 1. J. Rice Benson, 2. Thadeus Christopher Benson, 9. Elvira Ella Benson. In other than the main

write-up of the descendant the name is written as Elvira Ella Benson⁹, or or J. Rice Benson¹.

The order of birth of children in a family was shown by small Roman numerals as 2ⁱ Thadeus Christopher Benson, 3ⁱⁱ Olivia C, 4ⁱⁱⁱ Bethia, 5^{iv} Lewis Alonzo and so on.

To indicate the line of birth after each name the individual number for each ancestor has been used as for 57ⁱⁱⁱ Mary Blanche Benson (19,5,1). 57ⁱⁱⁱ shows her to be number 57, 3rd child of (19) her father; 5, her grandfather Lewis Alonzo Benson and 1 her great grandfather or J. Rice Benson¹. The ⁱⁱⁱ showed her to be the 3rd child born to her parents.

If the person was called by his or her second name, that name was underlined as 57ⁱⁱⁱ Mary Blanche Benson. If a person was known by a nickname such as Margaret Anna "Marti" Benson, that name was included in quotation marks. The name was also included in the index.

The form for compiling the information for each individual was the same for all. First a brief summary of vital facts was given as follows:

Name of descendant

Birth: place and date

Death: date, place, burial place or

Living: date, place

Married: Name of mate - date - place

Children: (number) names

Then followed the write-up of the descendant. The write-up of the spouse follows. Children of the descendant each followed the

above outline. The first child and his descendent follow through completely, then the second child and so on.

It was neither possible to include pictures nor was it possible to use photostatic copies of all legal records for which the writers were sorry. The expense would have made the cost of the book much more than was felt advisable. However, typed copies of records were included.

Space has been allowed throughout the book for additional information and new members as they arrive.

Finally the main part of the History has been written in the past tense unless in a quotation. The writers felt it would be far less confusing if the tense was the same throughout the history. For example instead of saying "he is teaching in 1961" the writers said "he taught in 1961". Much of the information was already past and gradually more and more will become something of the past.

The writers hope you will enjoy the History of J. Rice Benson and some of his descendants. May it prove useful as a reference to you and to future generations.

HAPPY READING!

Brief History of Illinois

The new state to which Rice Benson came in about the early 1830's was first explored by the French as early as 1659. They found the area occupied by several tribes of Indians. The men of one tribe were unusually tall. Because of these men, the French named the land "Illinois", a name taken from the Indian word "Illin", meaning tall men. French sovereignty continued until about 1763 and from that influence a lasting mark was left on the area. Father Marquette established a mission at the Kaskaskia village. Other Catholic missions were built thus introducing that religion to the region. Many towns in Illinois bear French names to this day. Joliet was named for one of the French explorers and Champaign for another. Prairie du Rocher and Fort de Chartes are also French. These are only a few of such names.

La Salle took possession of the area in 1682 as a part of the Louisiana country and as such it was a dependency of Canada until 1721, when it became a separate province. By the Treaty of Paris in 1763 the land now called Illinois passed to Great Britain where it remained until 1778 when Illinois acknowledged the jurisdiction of Virginia. Virginia held this jurisdiction over the territory until 1784 when it ceded the land to the new national government with the understanding that the land be sold to pay for Virginia's part of the Revolutionary War debt.

The new government then created the Northwest Territory in 1787 with Illinois as one part. In 1790 the Governor of the territory, Governor St. Clair visited Kaskaskia. Soon afterwards St. Clair County was formed. Five years later Randolph County, of special interest to

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this history, was created. This was a county described by National Tours of Illinois, as one "settled largely by Irish and German emigrants". Perry County, another county of particular interest to this history was not organized until 1827.

Illinois Territory was first represented in a legislature in 1799, in Cincinnati, Ohio. In May of 1800 Congress created what was known as Indian Territory - an area that included both Illinois and Indiana. At this time there was a great deal of strife in the area with the Indians. With the many different tribes occupying the land, there was much warring among the Indians themselves. With a steady increase of white settlers pushing the Indian from his land and trapping and hunting areas, it was not surprising that there were many attacks on the white man as well. In 1809 Illinois succeeded in separating from Indiana and became a territory with Kaskaskia as its capitol. 1812 saw a representative assembly chosen and a constitution adopted. As a result a new tide of emigration from the south and the east began. On 3 December 1818 the area's petition for statehood was granted and it became the eighth state of the Union. From 1890 until 1947 the Americana Encyclopedia said, the "Prairie State", as Illinois is sometimes called, held third place in states' population.

The conflict between the Indian and the white man and the Indian of one tribe with another tribe did not lessen. It was not until after the Black Hawk War of 1831-1832 was brought to a successful conclusion that the white settlers were more or less safe in their frontier homes.

On 28 September 1850 an "Act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States" was passed. It might be noted here that Lewis Benson, brother of Rice, served as a volunteer in Company E, Commanded by Captain William Adair of the Mounted Volunteers of Illinois Militia as a private. He was attached to the 3rd Regiment, 3rd Brigade of said Militia, Commanded by Colonel Gabriel Jones in the War with the Sacs and the Fox Indians (Black Hawk War) in the state of Illinois and the then Territory of Wisconsin in the year 1832. His term was for three months and he was honorably discharged on 17 August 1832 at Dixon's Ferry (Dickson's Ferry). On about 29 January 1851, Lewis Benson received a land grant for 40 acres, issued at Belleville, Illinois. (General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.)

An additional Bounty Land Act was declared and approved on 3 March 1855. Lewis Benson, who by the way wrote an exceptionally good hand and one similar to that used by a grand nephew of the same name many years later, again received land under the new act. This time the amount was for 120 acres and the grant was made from Pinckneyville, Illinois. His record is on file in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The number of the land transactions is 122151. There seems to be no record of Rice having served at this time.

Such were the conditions in Illinois and in the Counties of Randolph and Perry when Rice and Elvira (Tilden) Benson were married, and when their first child was born.

Illinois was however, to know more conflict and war for the very location of the state on the Mississippi and the Ohio rivers led to its

part in the Civil War. It was to be divided for a time on the slavery question. The northern part of the state, settled largely by the emigrants from the east or the New England States, were opposed to slavery. Those who settled in the southern part were from the south for the most part. These people finding the soil and climate of "Little Egypt" as they nicknamed it, not only similar to Egypt but also to the south. They brought to it not only the slow, easy way of life, but many of their views of slavery. Some even brought their slaves.

It was due in part at least to the settlements of Scotch - Irish immigrants, in Randolph County who hated slavery, that the state finally swung to the side of anti-slavery. Many a man of Randolph County found himself fighting on the side of the North in Tennessee and Georgia. The water ways of the Ohio and the Mississippi were vital to both the North and the South and it was necessary for the government to protect the junction of the two great rivers so that shipments from the north could be shipped to the soldiers employed in the south. The South for its part was anxious to prevent the use of the rivers by the North.

Randolph County became a strong link in the "underground railway", in moving slaves from the south to free territory in other states. A large stone house known as the Morrison home at Eden, Illinois has been preserved by the Historical Society of Randolph County as a memorial to the "railway". It is said the house was one of the "stations" on the way and harbored many a slave.

So much for the history of Illinois, but before we turn to the family of Rice Benson and to his descendants, it might be well to pause for a brief review of the trails and routes that led the emigrant finally to Illinois, and why he sought new lands.

Reasons For Migrations and Trails Followed by Pioneers

There are always many reasons for the movement of people from one place to another but they might be summed up in several main reasons. They are, but not necessarily in order of preference, first the desire for solitude such as the early trapper; secondly the desire for wealth, in the promise of land or gold; and third the desire for religious freedom, and the adventurous lure that appealed to many as it did to Daniel Boone, Pike and others. Certainly without them, the early trails would not have intrigued the other men as they did.

In the last of the 1700s and the beginning of the 1800s many groups of people were dissatisfied with the restrictions placed on them by the early churches in America. Families and groups of families sought a place for freedom of worship, just as the Pilgrims had before them. There were movements of Quakers to Pennsylvania then on to Indiana and Illinois.

A group of Baptists were said to have moved from the east into Tennessee, from there on "west" to Illinois. The Morman's sought for a religious home through Missouri and Illinois before they finally found a land in Utah. These are only a few.

Following the Revolutionary War, land grants were given as part payment for services of men who took part in the war. Many of these grants were for land in Tennessee and Kentucky and to the man who had never owned land or sought more land, they were most welcome. Even to the man or his heirs who could not live on the land, they proved valuable for they could be sold to other settlers or to land companies. Later land was opened in Missouri and about 1809 to 1860 emigrants from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky moved into that state. By the bounty land acts of 1851 and 1855, land in Illinois was given to certain men who served in the Black Hawk War.

The growth of the large plantation system in the South forced many a small land holder out and he moved on to the new northern states. In addition to conditions in America, the potato famine in North Ireland and in Germany in the early 1840s and 1860s caused many immigrants to cross the ocean in search of land and food and the great wealth they had been led to believe abounded everywhere in America.

These foreign immigrants usually followed one of several routes to the Great Plains area. They either sailed to New York City, then followed the trails to Pennsylvania and Indiana and Illinois or from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, then down the Ohio to the Mississippi River then up to Chester, Illinois. The other route took them to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River to Kaskaskia and to Chester, Illinois. From there they might follow some Indian trail inland to Sparta or Eden or some of the other towns that were springing up.

The first trails of the nation therefore followed streams and rivers for the waterways were far easier to travel than to work one's way through the thick timber and bush and unknown land and safer from Indian bands. Gradually the adventurous ones began to follow Indian trails or trails of animals to see what he could find. Eventually the explorer sought out and blazed new trails. Sometimes he was hired by the Government, sometimes by large companies and sometimes he was just adventurous and like the bear, wanted to see what was on the other side of the mountain.

Perhaps one of the best known and widest travelled of the early emigrant trails was the Old National Trail. This was known variously as the Great National Pike, the Cumberland Road or the Old National Road. It was one of the first trails leading "west" through Pennsylvania to Pittsburg and Wheeling, West Virginia. By the early 1800s settlers were migrating in great numbers to the lands west of the Ohio River and southwest to Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee or Kentucky.

In 1806 Congress provided for the selection of a route from the east to the "west" to be paid for by the sale of public lands in the states through which the road would pass. The plan failed. In 1811 work did begin on a government highway from Fort Cumberland, Maryland to pass through West Virginia, Zanesville, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, and to Vandalia, Illinois. This was a distance of some 800 miles. It was later extended on to St. Louis, Missouri. Some historians say that this was the first "paved and graveled" highway in the United States. Sand was dumped on part of the road and logs were used to pave the road in places. Since the road officially started at Cumberland, Maryland, it was sometimes called the Cumberland Road and it should not be confused with the Cumberland Gap route of the south.

The Forbes Road was built about 1758 across the rugged wilderness of western Pennsylvania for the use of the Forbes Expedition. It linked a chain of fortifications from Bedford through eastern Pennsylvania to Pittsburg and may have been a part of the early Old National Trail. For about 30 years it was the only trail of any note between the east and the Ohio River valley. U.S. Route 30 of the present day is said to parallel the original trail.

The Wilderness or the Cumberland Gap route was opened by Daniel Boone in 1775 and was sometimes called the Boone Trail. It began officially at the Old Block House in Virginia altho there were numerous lesser trails that began at other places to link with the route. Gathering in groups or trains, at certain points, offered the emigrants greater help and safety to those crossing the mountains.

One of such trails to the Block House linked the Pittsburg road to it. One ran down the Shenandoah and the Holston Valleys. Another ran through Shelby's Fort to the Block House while even another passed through Shelby's Fort to the Block House while even another passed through Sycamore Shoals to Fort Patrick Henry then to the Block House. From this meeting point the route is believed to have crossed the Moccasin Gap, the Powell Mountains, the Wallen Ridge to Martin's Station. It crossed the Cumberland Mountains of the great Appalachians by way of the Cumberland Gap. Running up the Yahkin and Watauga valleys, it entered the rich prairie lands of Kentucky. The road divided northwest of the Gap and before it reached Crab Orchard, Kentucky. One part went west to Danville and Harroldsborg, Kentucky while the east branch continued north to Boonesburg, Kentucky. Sometime later a route from Kentucky led across the Ohio into Indiana, another into Missouri and another into Illinois.

While the original route was only some 300 miles in length, this route was known as a very mountainous and rough one along which many hostile Indians lurked. Little wonder it was considered one of the most dangerous and bloody ones of early pioneer history. However by 1800 more than 200,000 settlers were said to have crossed the route to Tennessee and to Kentucky. Travel was increased over the trail when the government opened western Tennessee to settlers following the settlement of the Louisiana purchase. Spain still claimed parts of the south and continued to harass the emigrants. They accomplished this by furnishing the Indians, particularly the Cherokees, with money and arms to kill and rob the white man. This continued until after the middle 1840's.

The Cumberland Gap was used later by the Northern armies on their way to Tennessee during the Civil War in the 1860's.

A great grandfather of one of the writers made his way from Clark County, Kentucky (formerly a part of Virginia) to Missouri by horseback to look for land. He found the land he liked and returned for his family. They travelled to Missouri by covered wagon along an overland route.

One pioneer wrote his family that the roads from the south to the new territories in the early 1800's were so full of emigrants that it seemed that all America must be on the move. They were never out of sight of the family ahead of them or the one behind them. Every means of travel was used, from covered wagons, buggies, folks on horse back, to those who walked, pushing their belongings in a cart. Cattle and hogs were either driven along the trails or hauled by boat up the rivers. The wild hog of the south had his origin in those animals which escaped the driver and were not found. Needless to say the trails were dusty in dry weather and the ruts became streams in rainy days. All these experiences plus the ever present Indian made the trip "west" something to be remembered and told to grandchildren years later.

The first white man to come to Illinois was probably the trapped so he probably followed the rivers and the streams, using the Mississippi, the Kaskaskia, the Illinois or the Ohio as well as their tributaries would furnish excellent bases. By 1800 there were settlers pushing up from the south, either by way of the Mississippi River or from Kentucky. These people usually settled in southern Illinois, along the water ways at first. Villages and towns grew up along these rivers or streams. Prairie du Rocher, Kaskaskia, Smith's Landing (later Chester) and Cakokia in Illinois and Vincennes in Indiana are examples of such shoreline settlements.

In the northern part of Illinois, trails made by the Indians and those made by the buffalo were later used by the white man to follow around the south end of Lake Michigan. After the Great National Trail was extended to Saint Louis, an overland route to southern Illinois was opened.

These have been a few of the early trails that lead the white man to the south or the "west". Still other trails would be opened later to lead on to the "far west". These later trails are much better known to the present day American for what person who listens to his radio or TV has not heard of the Chisholm Trail, the Santa Fe Trail or the Oregon Trail? Some of the modern highways follow in part at least, these trails of a by gone day. Where they do, the government has placed signs to indicate the route.

It would be along some of these routes that the Bensons from the east would travel to reach Tennessee and from there to move to Illinois. It would also be along some of these trails that the Tildens, whose daughter was later to marry a son of the Benson's, would have travelled. It was unfortunate that there was no written record of the events and happenings that these two families encountered along their way "west".

Some Early Benson History

The nationality of J. Rice Benson seems to be of some question among the descendants themselves, but his wife Elvira Maria Tilden was unquestionably of English ancestry. Some of the Benson claim to be of Dutch origin. If this is true then Rice would no doubt be descended from Dirck Benson who according to the book, American Ancestry in the United States, by Thomas Hughes, was born in Gronugen, England. This Dirck migrated to Holland, living near Amsterdam. He married there but later, in 1648 came to America. He was living in Albany as early as 1654. In 1649 he had purchased a lot on the north east side of Fort Amsterdam in New York state. Altho the names of the first and second generations of children carry the Holland-Dutch spelling of the name, the later children were given English sounding ones. Children of this line would have both English and Holland-Dutch ancestry.

Some of Rice's descendants were certain that the family, years ago came from England. One cousin, Sophia McIntyre, wrote that in the 1920's she had seen a large family chart of the Benson line in the Saint Louis Public Library, "and our line of Bensons was on it. It was so large that when opened out it covered a library table as a table cloth would". She also wrote that "The line went far back in English history." In 1962 Lillie McIntyre wrote that Dr. Sam Benson had a large book showing the line of Bensons from early England to Randolph County Illinois.

The chart unfortunately seemed to have disappeared in the following years for a letter to the Saint Louis Library brought the answer that they did not have such a chart or book. At one time Dr. Samuel A. Benson, a grandson of Rice's and living in Saint Louis, had his genealogy written. This may have been the chart that Miss McIntyre saw and he may have loaned the record to the Library. Nothing has been learned of that chart for Doctor's home and office were burned. He died as a result of the blaze. If the history was in the home it was lost for all time, and what a loss to all of the Bensons!

There were some among the descendants who claim to be of German or Dutch ancestry. However it seemed unlikely that the Benson of this line were originally German. Rice did settle near Steeleville where there were German settlements but he was born in Tennessee. His brother, Lewis and possibly sisters Mary and Elizabeth were Baptists and many of their children and grandchildren were Baptist. Had they been of German ancestry, they would probably have been either Lutheran, Congregational or Catholic as those were the religions of the Germans immigrating to American about that time. It would seem almost certain in the light of the genealogy books and religious beliefs, to say Rice's line was of English origin.

If Rice's ancestors were of the English as the Misses McIntyre believed, they were undoubtedly from the line of John "Binson" who came to America first on the Mayflower in 1620 from Caversham England. He was born there in 1608. John returned to England for his wife and two children. They sailed for America in 1638 aboard the Confidence. As a part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, they landed at Boston. They received a grant of land at Hingham, Mass. In 1673 they moved to Hull, Mass. One genealogist wrote "this is a prolific line from which came most of the Bensons in America today."

A third English Benson was Jacob, a "near relative of John's". He may have been a brother, for John named one of his sons Jacob. The Illinois State Historical Library, in March 1961, wrote they had only one Benson record. It was of Jacob Benson. However neither Rice nor Lewis were mentioned in the account of his descendants.

Both John and Dirck Benson left England to seek religious freedom. While John came directly to America, Dirck went to Holland. There he encountered a growing religious intolerance so he and the girl he married, together with their children migrated to America.

At least one cousin felt the Bensons were of Swedish origin. The Swedish Bensons in Illinois this writer could trace were born in Sweden in the middle of the 1860s. After immigrating to America these Swedish-Illinois Benson settled and lived near Chicago.

It would seem almost definite that the Bensons of which Rice and Lewis were a part would find their progenitor far back in English history, whether he was John, Dirck or Jacob Benson. Which one, some later writer will have to decide.

Meaning of the Name of Benson

The name Benson, according to Holmes, Dictionary of Names, was from the Hebrew, Ben's son - meaning Benjamin's son. The Bensons were said to be a large and ancient family identified with Masham, England as early as 1300 A.D. John Benson in 1348, held a croft from the Abby of Fountain at Swenton by Masham. A croft was a small enclosed field or small agricultural holding worked by a tenant. The American Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, noted the spelling of the name of Benson varies greatly. From the Dutch Besingh, the old English Binsin, Bensington, the Quaker Bensine to Binsen, Bensen, Binsin and finally Benson. People with the name of "Benson" are found in every state of the Union and in England, Sweden, Norway, Germany and other foreign countries.

From what ever progenator this line came, some of its members came to America and followed one of the emigrant trails from the New England states to the South. From there part of the family found its way to Perry and Randolph Counties in Illinois sometime before 1831.

The name of "Lewis" seems to hold a place of importance in the naming of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of both the Lewis Benson and the Rice Benson' lines. It would seem likely that some Benson young man married a Lewis girl and one of their sons was named "Lewis". After that the name was carried down among the later generations of both brothers.

Who the young lady could have been or who her parents were was not learned. It was just a guess that there was such a young woman but children at that time were frequently given the maiden name of their mother, or of a grandfather.

In searching literature for Bensons that belonged to this line it was found that Stutson Benson, born _____ and, married Bathsada Lewis. She was a daughter of John and Bathsada Lewis. Later on it was found that there was a John Lewis Benson, born in 1770 and who served in the Revolutionary War. He received a North Carolina land grant #227 for land in Tennessee. His descendants later sold the land. This John Lewis Benson may have been a son of Stutson Benson or he may have been no relation but the names and dates lead one to wonder if there was a connection.

Another John Benson was found who married an Edy Lewis, a daughter of William Lewis who died 11 December 1731 in Bath Town Bath County, North Carolina. Mr. Lewis left land to his daughter Edy Benson and to his son-in-law John Benson. Here again one wonders if there could be some connection.

So far there has been no direct information that would prove that either of these lines were forerunners of the Lewis, and Rice Benson families. They both seemed to have been in North Carolina or owned land in Tennessee at about the right time to have been ancestors. Stutson Benson was of the early John Benson (from England) line. The above information was given here in case some might wish to explore farther into the ancestry of J. Rice Benson¹.

If, and the writers said if, Lewis and J. Rice Benson were of the John Lewis Benson line, the line of descent might be as follows:

I. John Binsone (Benson) who married Mary (or Maria) in England.

Among his children was a son John Benson who married_____.

He was born in England and came to America with his parents.

He had a son William Benson who married Elizabeth Ellis.

Their son Stutson who married Bathsada Lewis.

Finally a son of Stutson was John Lewis Benson who was born 1770, served in the Revolutionary War as a private and received a grant for land in Tennessee, numbered #227.

(N.C. land grants in Tennessee)

Again this was not proved and was not given as authentic information.

Records in Tennessee were not kept until after 1820 so it was difficult to obtain records from the Tennessee Historical and Genealogical Library.

A letter to Mrs. _____ Embry, Historian at the Tennessee Historical Library, Nashville, Tennessee, brought the reply that there were no records for Bedford County, Tennessee, where Rice and brother were born as they had burned.

Coat of Arms

Both the Dirck and the John Benson lines have a coat of arms. Since the exact line of Rice's origin has not been established, neither one of the coat of arms will be included. If however any one is interested in seeing them, they can find a book of hearoldry in almost any library.

PART II..

SECTION I

1. J.(oseph?) Rice Benson.

Born: 9 January 1813 in Bedford County, Tennessee, according to Bible records sent by the Misses Inez Carter⁴³ and Gladys Carter.⁴⁷ The 7th United States Census for Illinois, Randolph County, Volume 19, page 32, line 1, also placed his birth in 1813 in Tennessee. The census was taken 6 September 1850.

Died: He died after 1852 in California, probably in the Bay Area near San Francisco. It was also believed that he was buried in California.

Married: Elvira Maria Tilden 17 February 1831 in Perry County, Illinois. Richard Murphy, Justice of the Peace, preformed the ceremony. (County records for Perry County, Pinckneyville, Illinois, Book #1, page ____.) The information was sent by Mrs. M. E. Spurgeon of Pinckneyville, Illinois.

It was not known if J. Rice Benson married a second time. He was only 38 at the time of his wife's death, so it would not be surprising if he did marry again. Grandchildren, however, doubted that he married a second time.

Children: (7) Thadeus Christopher; Olivia C. (uncertain if she was a child of Rice and Elvira although she was listed in the 1850 census); Bethia (or Bertha); Lewis Alonzo; Amanda Melissa; John and Harriet B. Benson. It was possible that several children may have died in infancy and were not recorded.

Nothing was known of J. Rice Benson's parents. It was believed that they were of English descent and that the father had probably served in the Revolutionary War, had received a North Carolina land grant for land in Tennessee for he and his wife were living there when at least two of their children, Lewis and J. Rice Benson, were born. The family evidently lived in Bedford County in 1813 for that was where Rice was born.

A letter to Mrs. Embry, historian of the Tennessee Historical and Museum and archives in Nashville brought the report much of the early Bedford County records had been burned. She also said there were no Bensons in that County in 1820-1830.

According to Mrs. Spurgeon's letter there were Benson, in the group of Baptist emigrants who moved from Smith County, Tennessee to Perry County, Illinois in the middle or late 1820's.

Records show that Rice was living in Perry County, Illinois in 1831 when he married Elvira Maria Tilden there. The couple were still living there when their first child, Thadeus Christopher², was born there the next year.

Later the couple moved to Randolph County where Rice owned land about a mile east of Blair, not far from the Sparta-Steelville state highway 43, according to the location of the old Benson cemetery. (Cemeteries in Randolph County by Torrens, a reference found in the Later Day Saints Church Genealogy Library, Salt Lake City, Utah).

The 7th United States Census for Illinois, taken in 1850, (Vol. 19, page 32, line 1 on file in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) listed Rice Benson and his family on a farm in Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Randolph County, Illinois. This location was similar or near that of the Benson Cemetery record.

After the death of his wife 14 October 1851 in Randolph County, Rice was said to have gone "west" with others in search of gold probably in California. There his trail ended as far as these writers could trace his path.

The following was a partial list of those buried in the "Benson Cemetery, on the farm owned by Rice Benson located 1 mile east of Blair, Illinois." The compilation was by Mrs. Frank Torrens. Certain corrections or differences in dates were noted by the writers in brackets.

Benson, Samuel M. b. 6-5-1859; d. 11-5-1859; son of T.C. and E. Benson.

[according to family Bible records Samuel Benson was born 21 June 1859 and died 5 November 1859. Miss Inez Carter⁴⁵].

Benson, Thadeus C. b. 6-5-1832; d. 10-22-1859.

[Bible records show Thadeus C. Benson born 5 June 1832; died 16 October 1859. Miss Inez Carter. This late date was correct for T. Christopher died as a young man].

Benson, Alvira (Elvira), wife of Rice Benson.

[Benson, Elvira]

Baird, Lydia, Emma and Addie, infant daughters of Baird, Geo. C.

Howie, James, b. 11-16-1838 in Scotland; d. 3-9-1883.

Howie, Amanda [Melissa], his wife, b. 1842; d. 1907.

Howie, John, son of James and Amanda.

Howie, Adalarde, daughter of James and Amanda. [probably Margaret Adaline Howie]

DUE I.—Free Individuals in Chenoweth in the County of Chenoweth State of N.Y.
 enumerated by me, on the 6th day of Sept 1890, in Chenoweth Co. N.Y.

In the order of visitation.		Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 14 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.		
1	2	3	4	5				6	7	8
W. Alice D. Parker	34	W			Farmer		Chenoweth		1	
W. George W. Parker	44	M					Chenoweth			
W. Charles Parker	18	M					Chenoweth		1	
W. George B. Parker	17	M					Chenoweth			
W. William Parker	14	M					Chenoweth		2	
W. David Parker	11	M					Chenoweth			
W. George W. Parker	9	M					Chenoweth			
W. John Parker	2	M					Chenoweth			
W. Henry Parker	2	M					Chenoweth			

McDonough, Jane Laird

Maxwell, Hester Ann
also 2 infant daughters

Knight, Lemuel David, son of Alexander and Margaret.
Ulysus - Grandson of Alexander and Margaret.

Boyd, Polly Doolin, wife of John Boyd.

Doolin, Richard

Doolin, Sally, daughter of Jeff and Polly

Doolin, Wm. Elsey, Civil War

Doolin, James P., Civil War

As was mentioned earlier in this history, the parents of J. Rice Benson had not been established by 1961. It would seem likely though that Rice had at least one brother, Lewis and possibly two sisters, Mary who married Jefferson Doolin and Elizabeth who married Charles Buxton. That Lewis was a brother of Rice was confirmed by the fact that Charles Benson, a grandson of Rice's married Nora Benson, a cousin. Nora was the daughter of Daniel, son of Lewis Benson.

Mary (or Polly, a nickname for Mary used in early days) married Jefferson Doolin, according to Mrs. Spurgeon's letter. Polly Doolin Boyd was buried in the Benson Cemetery as were several of the children of Jeff and Polly Doolin. (Cemetery records).

Richard Doolin, married Julia Ann (White) McIntyre, a widow. Both Charles Benson and McIntyre, cousins said that Richard was a relative of Lewis A. Benson.⁵ This seems to point to the fact that Richard was a son of Mary (Benson) and Jefferson Doolin and therefore a nephew of J. Rice Benson and his brother Lewis.

From the following letter of Mrs. M.C. Spurgeon of Pinckneyville, it would seem possible that the Benson's were probably a part of a Baptist migration from Smith County in the middle part of Tennessee to southern Illinois. Her letter follows:

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Pinckneyville, Ill.,
3/19/61

Dear Mrs. Benson:

Received your letter of the 14th and as I had a few minutes leisure am writing you of a few things which might be of help to you.

I believe that any or all of the following persons are brothers or sisters to Rice Benson who married Elvira Maria Tilden:

1. Lewis Benson md. Rebecca Eaton 1-25-1833. Robt. Moore, Min.
2. Charles Buxton md. Elizabeth Benson 7-25-1831. Eli, Short, Minister of United Baptist Church.
3. Jefferson Doolin md. Mary Benson 12-27-1832. Eli. Short, Minister of United Baptist Church.

The above and that of Rice are from Mg. Rcd. Book #1, Perry Co., Ill. If you need the page number, let me know, and I will go back to the court house for it.

The Randolph County Census taken in Sept. of 1825 lists in the Twp. of Mary - Stephen B. Tilden. This is in the southern part of the county.

Not until a much later date than those above was any mention of parents made or witnessess named - only if parent had to give consent to a minor and I included them when given. There are no birth records for the early years either.

So far I have found no marriage record for Olivia C. She is not in the ones through '50 and I do not have maiden names indexed. I will have to take each separately after this but will do so some evening when I have time.

There are some old Benson graves in "Galum Baptist Cemetery". The first nice day I can get out there (abt. 6 or 7 miles west), I shall check them. There is also a Galum cemetery and church south of P'ville but it is Presbyterian and the Bensons were Baptist and still are.

McDonnough's History of Monroe, Perry, and Randolph, Counties (1883) p. 267 The Baptists (Perry County) by W. S. D. Smith.

Enoch Eaton and wife Polly (Hughs) Eaton were evidently the original Baptists in Perry County and they came here in 1825. **Notice that a Benson married an Eaton and these people lived in the same locality and are buried in the same cemetery. I will check with

Mr. Pona Eaton to see what county in Tenn. they were from. Another one of their church members was "grandma Murphy" who came from SMITH county, Tenn. Now I think it might be wise for you to look in this county as I have found that when a group settled here you could almost bet that they were from the same place and were usually related. Smith was formed in 1799 from Sumner and Carthage is the county seat. Give it a try and good luck.

p. 269 The Galum Baptist Church - ... organized 8-5-1843 as the "Delum Creek Church of Christ friends to humanity" at home of Enoch Eaton Sr. Among original members were Lewis Benson, Rebecca Benson, and Elizabeth Rice. **A Mrs. Elizabeth Rice md. Lindsey Benedict 12-2-1843. She was married when she came here and I believe was probably a Benson and this is where Rice Benson came by his name. Just my idea.

p. 446 - Cutler Precinct. The first school taught in Lost prairie was in 1827 or '28. It was taught in a barn belonging to Green by Miss Elvira Tilden. It was a neighborhood school and consisted of about 10 scholars. The tuition was two dollars per scholar.

You mentioned Mrs. Callie Mann. Did she live in Sparta? Seems to me I have heard my dad mention this lady or maybe I am dreaming. You see my home was in Sparta before moving here and I know Jas. Mann the head of the Building and Loan there. Their ancestors came from down around the old town of Preston where my husband's people also located in the early years.

I have searched the history book for a war record of Rice Benson but did not find one, however, I did find one for Lewis, his brother. Have filled out a form and if you have not already done so - attach \$1.00 and mail to Gen. Services Admr. if you would like. These papers sometimes yield a great deal of information and may give a lead on parentage or places where they lived. If you don't get anything back it probably won't be the first \$1.00 you have thrown away but in most cases it pays off. I have requested three more forms to be sent so that you can have a couple for future use and you can return one to me.

There is a mg. recd. for Joseph F. Benson in '57, your husband's father's name is Joseph, and there was a J. Rice Benson. Could the parent of J. Rice also have been Joseph since this name appears so many times.

The court house recommends a charge of \$2.00 for each marriage record but I am furnishing it together with the others and what other information I was able to find for \$3.00 total.

It has been raining and the weather not too nice but I will get out to the old cemetery where the Bensons are buried and try to find more for you.

Hope this will be of some help.

Yours very truly,

(S) Mrs. M. E. (Elizabeth) Spurgeon

Mrs. Willis (Frances) Coulter of Coulterville, Illinois also sent an article on the "Delum Creek Church" (or Galum). It was from the same reference -- J. L. McDonough's Combined History of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Counties, Illinois, p. 269. The article is similar to that of Mrs. Spurgeon's. She notes the two spellings of "Delum" or "Galum". The article of Mrs. Coulter reads as follows:

THE GALUM BAPTIST CHURCH

This body is now in its fortieth year, having been organized August 4, 1843, as the "Delum Creek Church of Christ friends to humanity." The organization took place at the house of Enoch Eaton, Sr., near Galum creek, on the Pinckneyville and Sparta road, where the meetings were held until 1849, when the church building, since enlarged by an addition made in 1856, was build on the N. W. quarter of N. E. quarter of section 23, tp. 5-5 range 4 W.

The original members were: Samuel Eaton, Elizabeth Eaton, Barnabas Woolcott, Sarah Woolcott, George Wilson, Sarah Wilson, John Adair, Rebecca Adair, Lewis Benson, Rebecca Benson, Alexander Clark, Ruth A. Clark, Enoch Eaton, Polly Eaton, Isaac Eaton, Sarah Eaton, Elizabeth Eaton, Jr., and Elizabeth Rice, of whom Enoch Eaton, Rebecca Adair and Rebecca Benson are still living.

P. 269 "Combined History of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Counties, Illinois" Published by J. L. McConough & Co., Philadelphia 1883.

Since this Benson seems to have emigrated to Illinois from Tennessee, it might be interesting to later generations to review briefly the early history of Tennessee and the state's formation.

There was a time in the early history of the nation, when the Pilgrims, who came to this country for religious freedom, found their churches becoming as a dogmatic in their doctrines as the Church of England had been. Many of the religious men began to pull away from

the Congregational church, and set up denominations that were more liberal in their teachings. Roger Williams and his followers were one such group. The history of this forerunner of the Baptist Church and the fate of Roger Williams and some of his followers was well known.

Many of these people sought newly opened lands where they could establish their own form of religious belief. It was possible that some of the Baptist faith sought such a haven in Tennessee. Some may also have served the Colonies in the Revolution -- any War and received land in that state in payment for their services.

Records show that a Baptist Church was founded in middle Tennessee in the late 1700's by Luther Rice. Late from Smith County, formerly a part of Sumner County, Tennessee, a group of Baptist families migrated to Illinois in the early part of the nineteenth century. There were Benson families in that group.

The history of Tennessee itself was an interesting one and a person interested in adventure as well as history would find it full of exciting tales. Eastern Tennessee was formed from a part of North Carolina and as such went through a period of adjustment before it finally became a state of the Union. In the 1700's the Indians of the land granted safe conduct to soldiers on their way from Mississippi back to North Carolina. However settlers began to move into the area much against the wishes of the Indians of the area and the Spanish, who still claimed the area for Spain.

The number of settlers increased and soon asked to become a state but were refused as they were too far from North Carolina for protection. The Watauga Settlement in 1772 organized itself for protection from the Indians. This association was the foundation of the state of Tennessee. They took for their constitution, the one North Carolina used and called themselves the state of "Franklin". When the organization found it could not become a state, it asked to cede itself back to North Carolina and was accepted.

In 1790, after North Carolina had become a state in the newly formed Union, she ceded the land of Tennessee to the Government for a state of that name. The act admitting Tennessee to the Union was signed 1 June 1796. During that time Spain still claimed the territory of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and western Kentucky and to prevent the white man's settling there, paid the Indians a fee for each white scalp taken and to help accomplish this, they furnished the red man with the guns and ammunition he needed. Nevertheless the white man continued to settle in Eastern and Middle Tennessee in increasing numbers in 1779. It might be interesting to note in passing that these first settlers and their families came by the water ways, down the Holston, the Tennessee, up the Ohio and the Cumberland Rivers, a distance of some one thousand miles.

Still seeking new lands, some people from Kentucky and Tennessee moved on to territories of Illinois, Missouri and other areas farther "West". To modern day residents, it sounds odd to hear that ancestors, "came west to Illinois." In order to reach the "West" - Illinois, the Tennessee emigrant again resorted to the waterways for travel. Reaching the Mississippi River, they used boats or barges to reach Kaskaskia or Chester (Smith's Landing as it was called). From there these early travelers followed old Indian trails to Steeleville, Pinckneyville, Cutler and other towns.

The young Tennessean, J. Rice Benson, met and later married Elvira Maria Tilden on 17 February 1831. (Perry County Marriage Record Book, Number 1, Pinckneyville, Perry, County Illinois). Richard Murphy, a Justice of the Peace, preformed the Ceremony. Records of this early branch of Bensons were few. The next record was the U.S. Census for 1850. Aside from the grave record of Elvira's death, the next record was the marriage of Thadeous Christopher Benson² to Elizabeth McManus in 1856. Randolph County Marriage Record Book D, page 35, Courtesy of Mrs. Lester B. (Anna) McIntyre and Mrs. Willis (Frances) Coulter). The last of the early records found by the writers was that of a 1859 local census of Randolph. It listed Christopher Benson² as living on a farm in Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Steeleville area. This was the same area of his father Rice's place and it is believed to be the same farm.

The line of Lewis Benson, Rice's brother, seemed to have been better preserved for one of the writers found a rather complete account of members and dates in the Mormon Church Genealog Library, Salt Lake City.

Elvira Maria Tilden, wife of Rice Benson, was born 4 March 1807 in Genesee County, New York. She was the daughter of Bethia (_____) and Stephen B. Tilden. She died 14 October 1851 at her home in Randolph County, Illinois. She was married on 17 February 1831.

She evidently migrated with her parents to Illinois and Randolph County about 1818 or shortly before, according to Mrs. Callie (Layne) Mann of Chester, Randolph County seat. Mrs. Mann was a great niece of Elvira's and has done much research on her Tilden ancestors, hoping to establish the father and grandfather of Stephen B. Tilden. She has been most generous in sharing her information with the writers of the Benson history. She gave much of the following information.

Stephen B. Tilden was living in Randolph County before the territory became a state in 1818. It was believed by Mrs. Mann that he had lived either in Vermont and New York or in one of the states before the boundry lines were fixed. Some of her great aunts gave New York as the state in which they were born and another gave Vermont. In early days, so genealogists say, one can not always depend on the state given. As said before state boundries change. Then some people are not careful in recording birth records of their children. Still others, when asked, give

the name of the state where they lived the longest as their home or birth state, It seems most likely that part of the children, Elvira included were born in New York state.

Miss Inez Carter wrote that their family Bible listed Elvira Maria Tilden as having been born in Genesee County, New York.

A letter to the Department of History, Genesee County, Batavia, New York, brought the following letter from Charlotte M. Read, Genesee County Historian.

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COUNTY OF GENESEE
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Charlotte M. Read
Genesee Ct. Historian

Holland Land Office
Batavia, New York

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Mrs. Herbert L. Benson
609 West Lake Street
Fort Collins, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Benson:

Yours of the Feb. 8th instance noted and I shall answer partially; I can not really answer in detail -- It would take hours and hours of Research; this I can not do -- at once, but will bear it in mind and do so, as soon as possible. Mine is a varied and twice -- full time job.

Mr. Roggow, (memo as a Deputy Clerk) is passing the buck -- so to speak, in fact, he does not understand the scope of it all.

In 1807, Genesee still encompassed some 3-4 million acres of land-- what is now 8 counties. There were no Towns as we know them today-- In fact, the Holland Purchase proper had 4 towns, Chautaugua, Bataria, Erie and

I do have here at H.L.O. many of the original Land Records (tho' not complete); I have ready access to deeds, lists of grantors, grantees, wills, etc. which we keep in County Bldg., proper -- where our Mr. R. works . . . Church Records (there are many churches); some out of existence, might or might not find; a matter of chance, et. cetera, et cetera. Records, you know were poorly kept in New York State -- so they say . . . I will however, file your request and look into it, when possible.

Offhand, I looked into Turner's 1841 History; listed are those names as having taken out Pioneer land... (1) Stephen B. Tilden -- Township 12; Range 4 - 1804; (2) Stephen B. Tilden, Jr. - Township 12; Range 5 - 1804. So -- they were here: it will bear looking into, et cetera.

Very truly,

(s) Charlotte Marcy Read
County Historian and Director

From this letter it could be that Elvira's father might have been³⁶ Stephen B. Tilden Jr. and his father was Stephen B. Tilden Sr. and that both took out pioneer land in Genesee County; the Senior Mr. Tilden in Township 12; Range 4 in 1804 and the Junior Mr. Tilden in Township 12; Range 5 also in 1804.

It was believed that the younger man went to Illinois territory before 1818 then returned to New York for his family. He probably sold his New York land. He was born about 1766 according to Mrs. Mann and died before 31 August 1842. A bill of appraisment of his personal property was filed 4 Sept. 1843. The following is a written copy of the legal copy of the Relinquishment of the Right to Administer the Will of Stephen B. Tilden in the possession of Mrs. Callie Mann (Walter).

Relinquishment of Right to Administer the Will of Stephen B. Tilden

Note: The following copy of the will of Stephen B. Tilden was made from a photostatic copy of the original record made by and loaned by Mrs. Callie Mann of Chester, Illinois. An effort was made to keep spelling, lines, etc. the same as on original.

- - - The Writers of this outline

On Page 1

To the Probate Justice of Randolph County

I hereby relinquish my right to administer on the Estate of Stephen B. Tilden deceased (late my Husband) and request you to grant Letters of administration to Seth Allen.
August 31st 1842

In presence of

Bethiah tilden
Stephen B. tilden

On Page 2

A full and perfect inventory of the goods and chattels and personal Estate of Stephen B. Tilden late of the County of Randolph as presented to the undersigned Garrett Vanzant, Isaac Rust and John S. Smith appraisers appointed by the probate Justice of said county by Seth Allen administrator of said Estate this 21st day of September 1842

One cow and calf	"\$12'	'
two Beds & Bedding	" 25'	'
one Bed-stead	" 4'	'
Five Chairs	" 2'	50'
1. Table	" 1'	25'

One Skillet & small frying pan	"	1	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	37
One Tea Kettle	"	1	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	
One Bake Oven and two Trays	"	1	50	
One four pail Kettle	"	2		
Six plates & 1 Dish & other crockery	"	1		
$\frac{1}{2}$ Doz knives & forks & chopping knife	"	1	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ Doz iron spoons & Tea spoons	"		37 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 ** ware & coffee Mill	"	1	25	
1 Small Deep Kettle	"	1	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 Fannanel	"	1		
S. it. work & Tongs	"	1	50	
2 flour Barrels & water caske	"	2	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1/3 of 5 Acres of Corn	"	5		
1/3 of 4 Acres of Potatoes	"	10		
1 Cubuard (cupboard) old	"	1	75	
1 pr fine dogs	"	2	25	
1 chest	"	1	25	
1 Covered Buckett	"	1	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			76	75

Given under our hands & seals
Date as above

Garret Vanzant Seal
Isaac Rust Seal
John S. Smith Seal

On Page 3 of the Will

I Bithia Tilden widow of Stephen B. Tilden deceased
do take the within article of property for & in lieu of
the articles allowed me in the 44th section of the law
respecting wills & testaments, approved Jany. 23rd 1829

Witnep*** my hand & seal this 4th day of Sept.

A.D. 1842

Attest

Stephen B. tilden

Bethiah Seal
tilden

I solemnly swear that the within appraisment bill
is true & correct to the best of my belief -
sworn to before me
this 4th septr, 1843

James Thompson P. J. P. seal

Stephen B. Tilden ded
Bill of appraisment
Examd / approved
& filled
Septr. 4. 1843

Fees all paid

- * Unable to read word.
- ** This word was crossed out in original
may have been "granite".
- *** In letters of the period the "P" was
often written for a double "s" - as
"Mip" for "Miss" or in this case
"Witnep" for "Witness".

Mrs. Mann wrote that Stephen B. Tilden together with other men of the area took farm supplies by boat down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. As they returned, probably with articles needed by the settlers, they were fired upon by Indians on the river's banks. Several of the white men were killed including Stephen B. Tilden. The bodies were buried some place along the river.

It was believed that the Stepehn B. Tilden, father of Elvira Tilden, was a descendant of Nathaniel Tilden, an early Englishman who immigrated from Tenterden, England to Situate, Mass. with his family in the 1600s. To date neither Mrs. Mann nor the writers have been able to definitely establish the line of descent.

Stephen B. Tilden married Bethia (Richardson) about 1799 probably in Vermont.

Bethia (Richardson) Tilden was born 15 February 1785 and died 4 May 1845 in Randolph County at the age of 60 years. (Family records of Mrs. Callie Mann). She was probably about 15 years of age when married. Mrs. Mann believed that she was either a Cone or a Richardson before her marriage. Ten children were born to Bethia (Richardson) and Stephen B. Tilden. They were as follows: (Given by Mrs. Callie Mann from family records).

1. Mary C. Tilden, born 1800 in Vermont (DAR records and family records of Mrs. Callie Mann). Married John Sanders 16 December 1820. One of Mrs. Mann's researchers felt this was incorrect and that Mary married a Mr. Boyle.
2. Elvira Maria Tilden, born about 1807 in New York () married J. Rice Benson.
3. Theoday (or Theode) Tilden, born 1807 in New York. Married M. Elisha Layne. Mrs. Caroline Layne Mann, was a granddaughter. (Family records of Mrs. Mann; U.S. Illinois Census 1850).
4. Marcia (Martha or Polly) Aurellia Tilden, born 4 February 1811 in Fremont County, Vermont (1850 census shows in New York). Married Benjamin Barns. One son Levi was prominent in History, his Biography appeared in History of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois, by Biography Publishing Company, 1894. p. 440. He had a brother, Harrison Barns.
5. Laura Louise Tilden married Edward B. Harris
6. Sophia (Sofia) P. Tilden, born 1825 in Illinois. Married Isaac W. Tindall (sometimes spelled Tyndall).
7. Elizabeth E. Tilden, born Illinois. Married Wm. H. Justice.
8. Oscar Tilden, born Illinois.
9. Stephen B. Tilden Jr., born in Illinois. Married Bethena Keaton.
10. Harriet S. Tilden, born in Illinois. Married four times; 1. Marion J. Towsley; 2. Wm. Rodgers; 3. Archibald Gilchrist; and 4. Michael F. Swartzcope.

* or Cone.

Partial Chart of Tilden Children and Descendents*

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* The chart had been started on a scrap of paper about 1929 or 1930. Mrs. Callie Mann found it and sent it to the writers. She did not know who started it as she did not recognize the writing.

Several Benson cousins were under the impression that Elvira Maria Tilden was the sister of Samuel Jones Tilden, a wealthy New York corporation lawyer and a politician. In 1876 he ran for the office of President of the United States and while he won the popular vote, he lost the Electoral College vote by one. Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the President. This belief was based in part on the "histories" of his fathers and brothers by Charles E. Benson in which he claimed that Elvira and Samuel were brother and sister. He said that at one time "cousins" in the east were trying to break the will of Samuel J. Tilden, who on his death left several million dollars to the New York City Library. The will was broken and the "Tilden heirs in Illinois" were invited to present their claim along with proof of relationship. Whether the nieces and nephews in New York who brought the suit, had knowledge of a relationship or whether the lawyer sent notices to all the various Tildens or their descendants then living in Illinois was not known. No effort was made by Elvira's descendants to collect for it seemed the expense involved was too great for what they would receive after the cost of lawyers and the expense to prove the relationship. How the writers of this history wish they had established that relationship! It would have helped so much to complete Elvira's line.

With apologies to the now deceased Rev. Charles E. Benson and to all of Elvira Tilden's descendants, it seems necessary however to clarify the above belief. A letter was sent to the New York City Library Genealogy Department. There they have some eight or nine volumes of Tilden names, with one volume alone on females of the line. In none did they find Elvira's name. They also sent a list of the children of Elam and Polly Younglove (Jones) Tilden, both those who lived and those who died in childhood or at birth. Elvira Maria was not listed.

Research at the Denver Public Library, Genealogy Department, bore out this same fact.

Secondly Elvira Maria Tilden was the daughter of Stephen B. Tilden and Bethia (Richardson)*Tilden while Samuel Jones Tilden was the son of Elam and Polly Younglove (Jones) Tilden. The record of Elvira and her sisters and brothers was furnished by Mrs. Callie Mann, a granddaughter of Theodora Tilden, a sister of Elvira's. Samuel's record was published by himself as well as others.

Thirdly, in a letter from Mrs. Callie Mann dated 13 November 1957, she states:

"My grandmother Layne (ie. Theodora Tilden Layne) was a sister of Elvira Tilden Benson and she always said she was a Cousin of Samuel J. Tilden. She did not say he was a first cousin - he may have been many times removed - also she said she was born in Vermont. However for some time there was a question as to the boundary line between New York and Vermont so she may have been born in either state."

Therefore, although it would be an honor for the Benson descendants to be related to the great man, it would have to be assumed that Elvira was a cousin and not a sister of Samuel Tilden in the light of all the above evidence.

*or Cone.

Just where the mistake arose would be hard to say. Elvira may have said "we were like brothers and sisters". She may have worked for Polly Tilden and came to Illinois after her parents moved there. The great grandfathers or grandfathers of Elam and Stephen Tilden may have been brothers. Some other person will have to determine that fact.

In 1961, Mrs. M. E. Spurgeon, an amateur genealogist, at Pinckneyville, Illinois, sent much helpful information on the early families in Perry County, Illinois. Several references were from "McDonnough's History of Monroe, Perry and Randolph Counties," published 1883 by W.S.D. Smith. On page 446, Cutler Precinct, the following note was taken:

"The first school taught in Lost Prairie was in 1827 or '28. It was taught in a barn belonging to Green by Miss Elvira Tilden. It was a neighborhood school and consisted of about 10 scholars. The tuition was two dollars per scholar."

This would be about the time Perry became a county in 1827.

Little was known of the life of Elvira other than she married, bore children and probably underwent all the hardships of the other pioneer mothers in an area that was being opened to settlers and to farming. After the birth of at least seven children, Elvira Tilden Benson died on 14 October 1851 at her home in Randolph County, Illinois. She was buried in the Benson cemetery on her husband Rice's, farm. She left several children, some quite small, as well as her husband. Harriet, the youngest, was about one half year old at the time of her mother's death.

Having been a teacher, it seems likely that Elvira Benson, altho a busy house wife, found some time to give her children some education at home. Public schools as they were known 25 to 50 years later, were unheard of at the time Elvira was raising her children. Young people were taught at home or the home of a neighbor and then only at times when their work was not needed to help to clear the wilderness.

SECTION II

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2 Thadeous Christopher Benson (1) and His Descendants.

Born: 5 June 1832 in Perry County, Illinois (Carter family Bible).

Died: 16 October 1859 in Randolph County, Illinois. (Carter family Bible).

Records of graves in the Benson cemetery on the Rice Benson farm gave his death as 6 May 1852. This was incorrect as indicated by the Carter family Bible and as indicated by a History of Randolph County, Illinois, by E. J. Montague, p. 104, which listed him as living in the first part of 1859.

Married: Elizabeth McManus on 6 March 1856 in Randolph County, Illinois. Rev. George Kimber of Randolph County, Illinois performed the ceremony. (Carter family Bible).

Children (2): Elvira Ella and Samuel McManus Benson.

Benson relatives remember little of Christopher Benson except that he cared for a man from the south who passed through the area and stopped with the Bensons. The man was ill with cholera and Christopher, who nursed the man, contracted the disease himself. The man recovered but Christopher died, according to Charles E. Benson.²⁰ It was not known if the man was a relative, a friend or just some one on the way through the country. The Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys⁴⁵ Carter, granddaughters of Christopher, remember only hear-say information of their ancestor, for their mother was about three years old at the time of Christopher's death. They did remember hearing the same story of Christopher's nursing the sick man, contracting the cholera and dying. Thadeous Christopher Benson was buried in the Benson cemetery on the Old Rice Benson farm. Grave records in private cemeteries in Randolph County, Illinois).

After the death of his mother, Christopher Benson stayed on at the Rice Benson¹ farm for several years, married and saw two children born before he died.

The History of Randolph County, Illinois by E. J. Montague, page 104, listed Christopher Benson as the head of a family in 1859 and a farmer residing in Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Steelville, Randolph County, Illinois. That was the same Township and Range that the 1850 United States Census for Illinois gave for Rice Benson¹, his father. Elvira Ella Benson⁹ gave Opossum Praire as her birth place on her marriage record.

Elizabeth McManus was born 1 June 1832 in Brown County, Ohio and died 22 November 1872 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, at the age of 39 years, 7 months and 8 days. She died in the arms of her 15 year old daughter Elvira Ella Benson⁹, according to information given by Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys⁴⁵ Carter. The names of the parents of Elizabeth

McManus were not given but her mother and an uncle John McManus were living in 1859. Her family gave the spelling of her name as "McManus" but on her daughter's record the name was spelled "McManis". (Mg. Record Book D, page 25, Randolph County records, Chester, Illinois). The difference in spelling was probably due to a County Clerk who spelled the name as it sounded to him.

Elizabeth McManus was a milliner at the time of her marriage to Christopher Benson. She also taught a private school, probably in her own home. After the death of her husband in October 1859 and the death of a baby son in November of the same year, she and her little daughter, Elvira Ella⁹ returned to live with her mother and her uncle, John McManus. Sometime later Mrs. Benson married Mr. Maxwell, a widower with several children - two girls and one boy. The date of their marriage was not given but Elizabeth Maxwell lived only a few years after her second marriage. After the death of her mother, Ella Benson⁹ returned to live with her Uncle John McManus.

Mr. Maxwell operated a tree nursery near Sparta and was well and favorably known in the area. Elizabeth and Mr. Maxwell had no children of their own.

Children (2) of Elizabeth (McManus) and Thadeus Christopher Benson².

9ⁱ Elvira Ella Benson (2, 1)

Born: 2 March 1857 at Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. (Carter Family records). Ella Benson gave her place of birth as Oppussum Prairie, Randolph County, on her application for marriage license. (Bk. D, p. 25, license number 94)

Died: 7 July 1929 in East Saint Louis, Illinois at the home of her daughters, Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys⁴⁵ Carter. Creeping paralysis was given as the cause of her death. Burial was at Baldwin, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Twice; 1st to J. Frank McCandless (or McCandells) 16 July 1879 at the residence of S. P. Moore, Preston, Randolph County, Illinois. (Marriage Record Book, No. D, p. 25, license no. 94, Randolph County Court House, Chester, Illinois).

2nd. John Carter on 8 November 1881 in Marissa, Randolph County, Illinois. (Carter records).

Children: None by her first husband, J. Frank McCandless.

(6) By her second husband, John Carter: Myrtle Althea; Grace Ethel; Chantal Irene; Inez Selma; Bernice Ella; and Gladys Leola Carter.

As stated before, Christopher Benson² died when Ella was about 3 years old. A little brother died about a month after the father had

passed away. Ella and her mother returned to the home of her grandmother McManus and an uncle, John McManus. They lived there several years, until Elizabeth (McManus) Benson married Mr. Maxwell, a widower with several children. He operated a tree nursery near Sparta. Elizabeth lived until 1872, a few years after her second marriage. Ella Benson was 15 years old when her mother passed away. She returned to the home of her uncle and remained there until she married Frank McCandless. J. Frank McCandless was born about 1856 in Sparta, Randolph County Illinois as he was 23 years old when he and Ella Benson were married. He died about 1880 or one year after his marriage to Ella Benson⁹. His parents were Mary and J. F. McCandless.

Since it was impossible to include a photostatic copy of the marriage of Ella Benson⁹ and J. Frank McCandless, a typed copy was made of the record. It follows.

License number 94, page 25, Book D, marriage records,
Randolph County Court House, Chester, Illinois.

1. Number of license. 94
2. Date license was issued. 14 July 1879
3. By whom affidavit was made. J. F. McCandells
4. Name of groom. J. F. McCandells
5. Place of residence of groom. near Houston, Illinois
6. Occupation of groom. Farmer
7. Age of groom at next birthday. 23
8. Race or color. White
9. Place of birth Sparta, Illinois
10. Father's name. J. F. McCandells
11. Mother's name. Mary
12. Number of groom's marriages. First
13. Name of bride. Elvira Ella Benson
14. Place of residence Sparta, Illinois
15. Age next birthday. 23
16. Race or color. White
17. Place of birth Opussum Praire,
Randolph County,
Illinois

18. Father's name Christopher Benson
19. Mother's name Elizabeth McManis
20. Number of marriages First
21. Where and when married. At the residence of S. P.
Moore, Preston, Ill.,
16th July 1879
22. Witnesses Phillip McManis and
Maggie Hayre
23. By whom certified, name and office. S. P. Moore, M. G.
24. Date returned 18 July 1879
25. Date when registered. 24 July 1879

The uncle, John McManus, finally married and had at least two daughters, Irene and Margaret McManus. Irene clerked at a Dry Goods store when she was older and lived with Ella Carter⁹ and her daughters in Marissa, according to Miss Inez Carter⁴³.

J. Frank McCandless was an orphan when he grew up in Randolph County and was married. His health had never been good altho at the time of his marriage he was farming in the Houston, Illinois area. Miss Inez Carter⁴³ remembered hearing her mother tell her daughters that she married Frank McCandless to care for him.

Ella Benson, Frank McCandless, John Carter, Phillip McManus and Maggie Hayre (probably Hayer) were part of a group of young people who went to parties and other gatherings together. It was Frank who first introduced Ella to John Carter. It was also Frank who later said to his wife, privately of course, that if she should ever marry again he hoped that she would choose John Carter for he felt that Mr. Carter was a very fine man.

John Carter, second husband of Ella (Benson) McCandless, was born in Lincolnshire, England, the son of Rebecca (Dickinson) and Thomas Carter. The senior Carters were also of England and were married there. Thomas Carter was born 1828. The family immigrated to America and settled in Illinois when both John and his sister Mary Ann were small children. Other brothers and sisters were born in this country. The family lived in the Baldwin Illinois area.

Altho no mention was made of the date of the Carters arrival in this country, Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys Carter⁴⁵ wrote that they remembered hearing their father say that it took them six weeks to cross the ocean as there were only sail boats used in navigation at the time. Thomas Carter applied for his naturalization papers on 8 May 1860 but did not complete them until 17 October 1865.

As each son married, Thomas Carter gave him a wagon, a team and grain to plant five acres of land as a wedding present. These were valuable presents at a time when land was being opened for farming and grain raising. John Carter farmed near Baldwin, Illinois in St. Clair County. The county line was the road running in front of the Carter home. Marissa was ten miles northeast of their farm. The six Carter girls went to school and the family paid taxes in St. Clair County. However they shopped and attended church in Baldwin which was only three and one half miles south of their home and in Randolph County.

John Carter was a devout Christian man. On Sundays he either sat at the head of the pew with his wife and six young daughters or he sang in the church choir. He had a fine tenor voice. The Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys⁴⁵ Carter remembered the many "song fests" held at their home in the country. Sometimes their mother's cousin, Charles E. Benson²⁰ came and brought his sweetheart, Nora Benson. He would also bring his guitar. One of their father's favorite hymns was "That Mountain Railway". The group sang it often. It was to that song that Charles Benson²⁰ referred to when he wrote the poem "The Carter Girls" at the time of their mother's death.

THE CARTER GIRLS

Your Mother now has left you
And joined the Saintly throng,
She' singing with the angels
That happy glad new song.

She's met her loving Saviour
She served in years gone by,
She's singing now His praises
Up where they never die.

She's joined your saintly Father,
Who left long years ago,
They're happy now together
No earthly cares they know.

For many years he waited
For her to join him there,
Up where the angel choruses
Are singing songs so rare.

* * * *

Ah me! the years have vanished
And I'm back again tonight---
At your home up in the country--
To visit----- a delight.

I feign can hear "HIM" singing
That Mountain railway song,
As years ago He sang it,
With Tenor voice so strong.

"Life like a mountain railway,
With the engineer that's brave,"
He loved to sing of Jesus,
And His power to save.

He was a model Christian,
His life was one of trust
And when the "Shadows" gathered,
He fainted not at "Dusk."

God bless their sainted memory--
You're Parents now who've gone,
And give you strength to follow
The path they walked upon.

And when life here is over
Your days work it is done,
Your parents, they'll be watching
For you, at "set of Sun."

Sincerely yours,

(s) Charles E. Benson
511 W. Bridge
Blackwell, Oklahoma

(written July 1929)

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The Carter girls were very fond of Nora Benson and her sister Alice. In their honor they named their favorite dolls "Nora" and "Alice".

John Carter died 5 August 1899 at his home in the Risdon district, north of Baldwin, Illinois of cancer. He was buried at the Baldwin cemetery. Miss Inez Carter⁴³, his daughter, remembers that as he lay very ill he was concerned about his family. He would say to his wife, "Ella, what are you going to do? How can you care for the girls?" He told her he had placed wheat in the mill for flour to last the first year, hoping this would be of some help to her. His brother George Carter ran the mill.

Miss Inez Carter⁴³ wrote in 1962 as follows:

"Of course we had to have a sale of all farm equipment in early spring and mother saved enough from that to make a down payment (half price or cost) of a home she had selected in Marissa. It was bought through Building and Loan in 1898. In 1906 she had finished paying for this home by the united help of all (as long as they were living at home). In 1906 she had

a two story frame house built on Euclid Ave. in Marissa -- which stands today, 1962, in good condition. This was where the family lived until August 1921 when we moved to Streator, Illinois. Gladys and I were the only ones home then. We taught in Streator schools two years." Later she wrote:

"We feel we owe a tribute to our Father who conducted daily family worship as long as he was able. One phrase he often included was a plea that the world might be a better place for us (we girls) having lived in it. I've so often thought of that when the going wasn't easy.

"And to mother: Mother kept roomers and boarders in Marissa about 12 years. Two brothers whose surname was Case were selling Christian literature and were good singers. They sang, "I entered once a home of care, and age and penury were there. Yet peace and joy withal. I asked the mother whence, Her lonely widowhood's defense. She told me 'Christ was all'. They told mother that song reminded them so much of our home."

Again Miss Inez Carter⁴³ wrote:

"I'm proud of those memories. While we all had to hustle, I believe it did us no harm but instead gave us stamina".

It was a struggle for the family but some how they managed and all the girls finished school. Several went on to college. Another of the things that Inez⁴³ remembered of her childhood was of her father at milking time. She had a little tin cup that she carried to meet her father as he finished milking and carried the milk to the house. He was never too busy to stop and fill her cup with the warm milk for her to drink. Probably no milk had tasted as good to her since.

According to the Sparta News-Plaindealer, there were Carter cousins living in the area in 1962. One cousin, Sara Carter was supervisor of Music in Russell, Kansas. Another, Goldie Carter, served for many years in Y.W.C.A. work in Philadelphia. Still another Eula Carter Preston and her husband Curt still lived in the old Carter family home in Baldwin. The mill that George Carter owned at Baldwin later burned. His son Clyde built a mill at Ava, Illinois.

Asked where she got the names for her six daughters, Ella Carter said, "From Gody's Book". They were all pretty sounding names.

The following letters were written by Lewis A. Benson⁵ senior to Mrs. Ella (Benson) McCandless Carter in the 1870's. They were loaned to the writers by the Misses Inez⁴³ and Gladys Carter⁴⁵, daughters of Mrs. Ella Carter.

C O P Y

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Sparta, Illinois

18 June 1897

Dear Ella:

Your kind letter came to hand in due time. We was glad to here from you, and especially from your husband.

It give great pleasure to know that we were the means of doing you so much good. I am shure that everything will be done for Johns good and speedy recovery. I am also glad that your bees stage I am afraid that the wind will blow the gum over. You had better prop it someway or laye sompthing on it to hold it steady.

Now one word about your hired hand. If brushing the horses is all that he fails to tend to you have no need to complain. I hope that you are getting along all right write and tell me all the news.

I reach Sparta walking all the way before sun down after your girls left me.

I was some what warmed up when i reach Sparta and riding home I caught cold but a little medisin from the doctor made me well. With kind regard to you all I am as ever your uncle.

Lewis A. Benson

C O P Y

Sparta, Ill

18 Feb, 1898

Dear Ella:

We received both of your cards when the first came I thought perhaps there was room for hope. But after reading your last one, hope almost died away. I have not only hoped But Prayed for friend Johns recovery. Now all we can do is to leave our friends in the hands of him who knows the end from the beginning, and hope all things for our good, although we are unable to see it now. If we found to much happiness here in this world we would not seek another. Give friend John my kind regard and my sympathy to your self and Children.

And now may the Lord bless thee and keep thee and may his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countance upon thee and give thee peace

Is my prayer for you
good bye
As ever your Uncle

Lewis A. Benson

C O P Y - Letters continued:

Sparta, Ill.

14 June '98

Mrs. Carter -

My Dear Niece:

The sad news of your letter which has just reached us fills our hearts with sorrow and awakens a profound sympathy on behalf of you all.

Scarcely if ever have I heard a more heart rending narrative than you have given of the sad end of Mr. Chris Carter*. One must be hard hearted indeed if he were not saddened by the thoughts of man dying in such condition, and especially of his wife and children in sight of him but unable to render him any assistance. It does seem strange that nothing could be done to get Mr. Carter out of the well. Could they not get to him? Couldn't they bank the sand back by a wall of boards or the like until they dug him out? It seems like they might have dug through stone to get him in all that time. Oh dear what an awful death to die. May God pity, love and care for the bereaved wife and the fatherless children.

We cannot understand the doings of God's hand. We are waiting in fearful apprehension because of the cloud of gloom that is slowly setting about your own fireside. When you strive so faithfully for a cure of that dread disease it is sad to see it growing worse and worse until it seems as if we hope against hope. The sympathy and love of friends is helpful to cheer the heart, but it does not go far towards bearing the awful burden of sorrow which it seems is sure to come. But thank God the great Helper is near and is ready to help and through his will may or may not be to rebuke disease let us try and teach our hearts that whatever our Heavenly Father Wills is best. -- He doeth all things well. We would like to see you - But the wet weather has put us back with our work and harvest is nearly upon us and it is hard to get off just now.

It is too bad about Mr. Carter's continually growing worse. I thank you for your letter, and assure you of our kind affection and loving sympathy in these trials

Sincerely your Uncle

(s) L. A. Benson
L.A.B. Jr.

C O P Y

Dear Cousin:

father had me help him with this letter and I want to add my sympathy to his. I have heard with sorrow the whole story. I may get to see you before I go East but can't say Certainly. I must close and mail this.

I am yours, Lovingly,

L. A. Benson Jr

* Chris Carter was evidently a brother of John Carter.

Children of Elvira Ella (Benson) McCandless⁹ and John Carter.

40ⁱ Myrtle Althea Carter (9, 2, 1).

Born: 15 August 1883 in the Risdon district, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 at Thebes, Palaski County, Illinois.

Married: Alexander Grant Booth 14 April 1903 at the home of the bride's mother. Rev. Cates preformed the ceremony.

Children: (7) Myrtle Althea; Margaret Grant; Elvira Ella; Mildred; Alexander Grant Jr.; James and Francis Booth.

Myrtle (Carter) Booth and her husband farmed for many years on Rural Route 1, Thebes, Illinois. Mr. Grant died in December 1949 of heart trouble. Mrs. Booth continued to live on the farm. In May 1961 Mrs. Booth fell and broke her hip. As the hip was slow healing, she was 78 years old, and because she was fearful of falling again if left alone, Myrtle Booth was living in a nursing home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in January 1962. Her daughters had hoped to have her live with them but they were teachers and away from home all day. They had been unable to find satisfactory help so the Nursing Home seemed the best solution. Cape Girardeau was 25 miles across the Mississippi River from Myrtle's and Grant Booth's farm home.

Children of Myrtle Althea (Carter) and Alexander Grant Booth.

141ⁱ Myrtle Althea Booth (40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 25 August 1904 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois

Living: Living in 1962 during the school term, in Madison, Madison County, Illinois. She made regular trips home to Thebes and later to Cape Girardeau to see her mother.

Unmarried: In 1962.

After finishing high school in Marissa and then college, Myrtle Booth became a sixth grade teacher in Madison, Illinois. She was teaching there in January 1962. Madison was a town not far from East Saint Louis, Illinois where her aunts Inez⁴³ and Gladys⁴⁵ Carter lived. Before going to Madison, Myrtle taught in the county schools and in Thebes, Illinois. During the summers of World War II, she worked for the Government.

142ⁱⁱ Margaret Grant Booth (40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 13 October 1906 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois

Living: January 1962 in Madison, Illinois during the school year.

Unmarried: 1962.

Margaret Booth finished high school in Marissa then attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. She taught first grade in the Madison school system in January 1962. Prior to that she had taught Kindergarten and Primary work in the Anna, Illinois, schools for a number of years before going to Madison.

For several summers during the World War II, both Myrtle¹⁴¹ and Margaret Booth worked for the Government. One summer was spent in Saint Louis, Missouri at the Small Arms Company, one at the factory in Belleville, Illinois where army clothes were made. Margaret also worked in the Merchandise Mart Building in Chicago in the United States Savings and Bond Company for one year.

143ⁱⁱⁱ Elvira Ella Booth(40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 8 November 1908 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Living in Thebes, Illinois in 1961

Married: John Rothrock in St. Francis, Arkansas on 31 July 1937, his second wife.

Children: None. There were two step-children, Beatrice, born 5 Sept. 1921 and David, born 13 Sept. 1929.

Elvira Ella Booth finished high school in Marissa and then finished college. She taught the second grade in Thebes, where she and her husband made their home. Elvira Ella Rothrock was said to have taken the two step-children to her heart as she would have her own. Beatrice Rothrock married Francis G. Charloneau. They had a daughter, Sandy, born 20 January 1945 and a son Russell born 20 September 1952. The Charloneau family lived in Bonni Terru, Missouri. David Rothrock lived at home in January 1962. He was unmarried. John Rothrock died 3 August 1962 at John Cochran Vet. hospital in St. Louis. Immediate cause was pneumonia which he had for two weeks following a bout of cancer of the tongue. Burial in 144^{lv} Mildred Booth (40, 9, 2, 1). Rosehill cemetery, Thebes, Ill.

Born: January 1910 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois

Died: 6 January 1912 in Marissa at the age of two years. Death was due to spinal meningitis.

145^v Alexander Grant Booth (40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 8 April 1913 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 on his farm near Thebes, Illinois

Married: Alice Pearman on 23 August 1957. She^{died}/8 June 1958, just a few months after her wedding.

Children: None

Alexander Grant Booth was farming in 1961 at Thebes, Illinois. He was a Republican and for years that party was in office, he worked for the State Highway Department. Alice (Pearman) Booth died 8 June 1958.

146^{vi} James Booth (40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 11 December 1915 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Died: 6 July 1917 at the age of two years of summer complaint.

147^{vii} Francis Booth (40, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 31 May 1923 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 on his farm near Thebes, Illinois.

Unmarried: January 1962

Francis Booth served overseas during World War II. He was stationed in Germany for 2 years in Occupational Duty in the neighborhood of Sluttgott (?) and Frankfort. He drove large army trucks across country as well as the handling of mechanical duties.

After his father's death he worked for 3 years in the Bennett Gas Pump Factory assembling the gas pumps that were used in filling stations.

Later he farmed at Thebes, Illinois. He was a Republican and on the years the Republicans were in office, he worked for the State Highway Department.

41ⁱⁱ Grace Ethel Carter (9, 2, 1).

Born: 8 December 1884 in the Risdon district, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Died: 11 June 1944 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois. Death was due to cancer. Burial was in the Marissa cemetery.

Married: Hugh Forsythe, Jr. on 18 August 1909 in Marissa, Illinois at the home of her mother.

Children: (6) Ruby June; Inez Selma; Grace Ethel; Mary Ella; Robert Clyde; Hugh Forsythe III

Grace attended school in her home area. Before she and Hugh Forsythe Jr. were married, he had built a home for them. After their death, the house was left to two of their daughters, Ruby and Grace, along with the old grandfather Carter Bible, as they were the only two girls of the family who did not marry.

Hugh Forsythe Sr. was born 13 December 1876 at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, the son of Mary (Scott) and Hugh Forsythe Str., according to notes sent by Robert Clyde Forsythe¹⁵². The senior Hugh Forsythe was born 1852 and died 15 December 1922. Hugh Forsythe Jr. died 13 October 1955 in Marissa and was buried there. Death was due to a heart attack.

Children of Grace Ethel (Carter)⁴¹ and Hugh Forsythe Jr.

148ⁱ Ruby June Forsythe (41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 18 June 1910 at Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Living in May 1962 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois while school was in session. On weekends and vacations she lived in the Marissa home of her parents.

Unmarried: In 1961.

After finishing high school, Ruby Forsythe started her work for a degree at McKendree College. She also taught school at both Coulterville and later at Belleville, Illinois. She and her sister Grace maintained an apartment close to their school in Belleville as well as keeping the home place in Marissa.

According to the Sparta News-Plaindealer, 16 March 1961, under the heading of Coulterville notes, the following information was given:

"Miss Ruby Forsythe, a former grade school teacher here but now teaching the 6th grade in Belleville, tripped on a pencil that was on the floor of her room on Wednesday and fell. She broke the the wrist of her left arm."

She did not miss a day of school because of the accident. In the spring of 1961 the same paper told of Miss Ruby Forsythe having received her Bachelor's degree in Education from McKendree College. McKendree was the older Methodist College in continued operation east of the Mississippi River in 1961. It was the College that several of her aunts and cousins also attended.

149ⁱⁱ Inez Selma Forsythe (41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 24 June 1912 at Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In 1959 at O'Fallon, St. Clair County, Illinois with her husband. In Jan. 1962 living in Belleville, Illinois.

Married: Gregory "Jack" Heet Sr. on 23 February 1935

Children: (4) John "Jack" Gregory Heet Jr.; Inez Selma; Robert Hugh; and Mary Joann Heet.

After finishing grade and high school in Marissa, Inez Forsythe attended and graduated from St. Mary's Nursing school in East Saint Louis. In 1961 she was employed as a graduate nurse at St. Elizabeth's hospital. She also did work on private cases in Belleville and in Belleville Memorial Hospital.

Jack Heet Sr. was employed as a structural foreman at the Krumrich Plant of a Chemical Company in East Saint Louis, Illinois in January 1962.

391ⁱ John "Jack" Gregory Heet Jr. (149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 19 November 1935.

Living: 1962 in Belleville, Illinois with his wife and family.

Married: Barbara Jean Key.

Children: (2): "Jack Gregory Heet III and Jeffery Joseph Heet.

"Jack" Gregory Heet Jr. attended grade school, high school and Junior College in Belleville, Illinois. Barbara Key was a graduate and registered nurse and was a class-mate of Inez Heet, sister of the man she married.

Children of Barbara (Key) and "Jack" John Gregory Heet Jr.³⁹¹.

488ⁱ "Jack" Gregory Heet III (391, 149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 26 February 1960 in Belleville, Illinois.

Living: 1962 with his parents in Belleville.

489ⁱⁱ Jeffery Joseph Heet (391, 149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 26 February 1960 in Belleville, Illinois

Living: 1962 with his parents in Belleville, Illinois.

Children of Inez Selma (Forsythe)¹⁴⁹ and John Gregory Heet Sr.

392ⁱⁱ Inez Selma Heet. (149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 27 August 1937 in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Living: In Texas in 1962 where she was a nurse.

Married: 30 November 1962 - Donald Ray Williams in Dallas, Texas

Inez Selma Heet attended grade school and high school in Belleville, Illinois. She graduated from the De Paul school of nursing in Saint Louis, Missouri. Later she took a post-graduate course at Baylor University, Dallas, Texas. In 1962 she was head nurse in the surgery department at the Baylor University. She also taught some of the classes in nursing. Inez Heet, R.N. waited on House Speaker Sam Rayburn in his last illness at the Hospital. She was present when President John F. Kennedy visited Speaker Rayburn in his room at Baylor University Hospital.

Mr. Williams is a special teacher for retarded children in Dallas

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Robert Hugh Heet (149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 9 August 1941 in Belleville, Illinois.

Living: In January 1962.

Unmarried: In January 1962.

Robert Hugh Heet attended grade and high school in Belleville. In 1961 he was attending the Junior College in Belleville. He planned to attend the Saint Louis School of Pharmacy in 1962.

394^{iv}

Mary Jo Heet (149, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: After 1941

Living: In 1962 in Belleville, Illinois with her parents.

Married: Unmarried in January 1962.

Mary Jo Heet was attending Belleville Junior College in 1962 and planned to teach kindergarten.

Children of Grace Ethel (Carter)⁴¹ and Hugh Forsythe Jr., Continued.

150ⁱⁱⁱ

Grace Ethel Forsythe (41, 9, 21, 1).

Born: 28 March 1914 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In 1962 in Mascoutah, Illinois.

Married: Unmarried in January 1962.

After finishing grade and high school in Marissa, Grace Ethel Forsythe attended college, receiving her AB degree from McKendree College. She taught sixth grade in Mascoutah, near Scott Field Airport.

151^{iv}

Mary Ella Forsythe (41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 8 March 1916 in Marissa, Illinois.

Living: Living in January 1962 at 1200 Bel Air Drive, Belleville, Illinois with her husband.

Married: Harold Kellerman.

Children: (2) Harold Jr. and Janet Kellerman.

Mary Ella (Forsythe) Kellerman was a housewife and a mother. She had clerked for a number of years in the Feilner Dry Goods Store in Belleville. In January 1962 she was enjoying her home and the visits of two fine grandchildren.

Harold Kellerman Sr. was employed in January 1962 as an Insulator at the Monsanto Chemical Company. He was born and raised at Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Children of Mary Ella (Forsythe)¹⁵¹ and Harold Kellerman Sr.

395ⁱ Harold Kellerman Jr. (151, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 4 October 1934 in Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1961 with his wife and family at Belleville, Illinois.

Married: Karen Berry of East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Children: (2) Deborah "Debbie" Kellerman and Harold Kellerman III

Harold Kellerman Jr. graduated from Belleville grade and high schools. He then attended Belleville Junior College and later he attended Missouri Mines at Rolla, Missouri. In 1961 he was employed as foreman in the Chlorine Department of the Monsanto Chemical Company.

Child of Karen (Berry) and Harold Kellerman Jr.³⁹⁵

490ⁱ Deborah "Debbie" Kellerman (395, 151, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 20 May 1958 in Belleville, Illinois.

Living: In January 1962 with her parents in Belleville, Illinois.

Debbie sang in the Angel Choir at St. Paul's Methodist Church, East Saint Louis, Illinois in 1961.

554 Harold Kellerman III

Children of Mary Ella (Forsythe)¹⁵¹ and Harold Kellman continued.

396ⁱⁱ Janet Kellerman (151, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 21 April 1937 in Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: January 1962 in Toledo, Ohio at 561 Milton Street.

Married: Harold J. Wojtalak

Children: (1) Stephen Scott ~~Wajtalak~~

Janet Kellerman finished grade school and graduated from the Belleville High School. She then worked as a payroll clerk and secretary for Secony Company in East Saint Louis, Illinois. Harold Wajtalak in January 1962 was in partnership with another man in a business in Toledo, Ohio. They installed and repaired Elecutone Electric Equipment.

Child of Janet (Kellerman)³⁹⁶ and Harold J. Wojtalak.

491ⁱ Stephen "Stevie" Scott Wajtalak (396, 151, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 4 June 1959 in Toledo, Ohio

Living: In January 1962 in Toledo with his parents.

Children of Grace Ethel (Carter)⁴¹ and Hugh Forsythe Jr., Continued.

152^v Robert Clyde Forsythe (41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 12 June 1920 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Living in November 1961 in Marissa, where he was a business man.

Married: Shirley Marie Stone on 4 September 1948 in Marissa, Illinois.

Children: (3) James "Jimmie" Robert; John Lee; and Karen Mae Forsythe.

Robert Clyde Forsythe attended grade school and graduated from high school in Marissa. During World War II he served in the United States Air Force. He was an Adjutant in the Marissa American Legion as well as being a member of the Lions Club, P.T.A., Masonic Lodge, and the United Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the P.T.A. for the 1960-61 year and was treasurer of the United Presbyterian Sunday School. The Forsythes were also members of the Marissa Pinochle Club in 1959. In answer to a letter asking for information of his family, Mr. Forsythe gave the above information. He also gave his occupation as that of a barber.

Distant cousins mentioned they had met Robert Forsythe in his barber shop and found him to be a very pleasant and capable person.

Shirley Marie Stone was born 8 February 1927 at Tilden, Randolph County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Minnie (Dickey) and Roy Stone. Mrs. Forsythe was a member of the J.O.Y. Circle of Marissa in 1962.

Children of Shirley Marie (Stone) and Robert Clyde Forsythe¹⁵²

397ⁱ James "Jimmie" Robert Forsythe (152, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 27 July 1950 at Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Living with his parents in November 1961.

In June 1961 Jimmie Forsythe attended Camp Carew at Little Grassy Lake for a week. He was a grade school student in Marissa at the time.

398ⁱⁱ John Lee Forsythe (152, 41, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 23 September 1955 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 with his parents.

399ⁱⁱⁱ Karen Mae Forsythe (152, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 9 January 1958 in the St. Clements Hospital in Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: With her parents in 1961.

The Sparta News-Plaindealer for 19 January 1961 carried the following article under the Marissa notes:

"Little Miss Karen Forsythe celebrated her 3rd birthday, Monday 9 January with a party from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forsythe. She was the 1958 New Years Baby' for Randolph County in 1958." As a result of this, Karen was showered with gifts from the different merchants.

Children of Grace Ethel (Carter)⁴¹ and Hugh Forsythe Jr., Continued.

153^{vi}

Hugh Forsythe III (41, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 28 February 1923 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In Belleville, Illinois in January 1962.

Married: Carmen McGough on 2 August 1941 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Children: (3) Garry Hugh; Ronald; and Dennis Forsythe.

Hugh Forsythe III attended schools in Marissa. In 1961 he was a stripper for American Zinc Company in East Saint Louis, Illinois. He then went to the Sears Roebuck store where he was a Department manager the rest of the day. Hugh married his high school classmate, Carmen McGough, soon after their graduation. Both Hugh and Carmen Forsythe were active workers in their church, the First Presbyterian.

Carmen McGough Forsythe was one of the official hostesses for the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. She drove a "Welcome Wagon", and welcomed new residents to Belleville. In addition, Carmen Forsythe did a great deal of Social Work for her church.

Carmen McGough was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McGough of Marissa. She, her husband and children visited the senior McGoughs often.

Children of Carmen (McGough) and Hugh Forsythe III¹⁵³.

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Garry Hugh Forsythe (153, 41, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 1 October 1942

Died: Shortly after birth

401ⁱⁱ

Ronald Forsythe (153, 41, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 5 June 1945

Living: With his parents in June 1962 in Belleville, Illinois.

Ronald finished his junior year at the Belleville High School in June 1962. He enjoyed all sports but especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. According to his mother the biggest game he had trapped to date was a neighbor's dog. His biggest ambition was to be a big game hunter.

402ⁱⁱⁱ Dennis Forsythe (153, 41, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 5 April 1944

Living: With his parents in June of 1962 in Belleville, Illinois.

During the summer vacation of 1961, Dennis Forsythe worked on a Dude Ranch. As a result he decided he wanted to be a rancher. Before that he planned to be a Chemical Engineer. Dennis was interested in all sports and won honors in high school sports.

He graduated from Belleville, Illinois High School in June 1962. The following article was taken from the Sparta-News-Plaindealer, Marissa notes of 9 June 1962:

"Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McGough, Mr. and Mrs. Olin McGough, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forsythe and family, Misses Grace and Ruby Forsythe attended the graduation of their grandson and nephew, Dennis Forsythe, from the Belleville Township High School. They entertained at a party in his honor following the graduation at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forsythe. Jimmie Forsthye spent the night with his cousins, Dennis and Ronnie Forsythe."

Children of Elvira Ella (Benson) McCandless⁹ and John Carter, Cont.

42ⁱⁱⁱ Chantal Irene Carter (9, 2, 1).

Born: 20 November 1886 in the Risdon District, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Died: 21 April 1960 in Richmond, Henric County, Virginia. Burial was in Richmond, Virginia.

Married: Arthur L. Burton on 21 December 1904 at the home of the bride's mother in Marissa, Illinois. The Rev. Sabin of the Methodist church conducted the ceremony.

Children: (3) Clyde Lynwood; Irene Selma and John Carter Burton.

Chantal (Carter) Burton was a very active and devout Christian all her life and after her marriage she seldom missed a service at the Boulevard Methodist church. She sang in the choir for many years and played the piano for both Sunday School and for Prayer meetings. She was also active in the W.C.T.U.

Altho her name was spelled "Chantal", it was sometimes found spelled "Chantil" by distant relatives and others.

Arthur Burton died 16 July 1959 in Richmond, Virginia. He was buried there. Death was due to complications following a broken hip. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the official board of the Boulevard Methodist Church in Richmond. He was a faithful caller on the sick and shut-in.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton lived at 2609 West Grace Street in Richmond. They purchased the home in 1917 and lived there the rest of their lives. In 1954 the Burtons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Children of Chantal Irene (Carter)⁴² and Arthur L. Burton.

154ⁱ Clyde Lynwood Burton (42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 6 November 1905

Died: 18 February 1955. Death was due to diabetes.

Married: Thelma Upchurch on 17 November 1923 in Richmond, Virginia.

Children: (3) Child not named, dead at birth; Clyde Lynwood Jr. and Robert Burton.

Clyde Lynwood Burton Sr. operated his own hardware store before his death. He also took contracts for plumbing and heating.

Thelma Upchurch was raised in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Thelma (Upchurch) and Clyde Lynwood Burton Sr.¹⁵⁴.

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A son dead at birth (154, 42, 9, 2, 1)
403ⁱⁱ Clyde Lynwood Burton Jr. (154, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 8 July 1932 in Richmond, Virginia

Living: In Richmond, Virginia in 1962.

Married: Peggy Ann Kelly on 25 July 1952 in Richmond, Virginia.

Children: (1) Debora "Debbie" Lynn Burton.

Clyde Lynwood Burton worked for the United States Post Office in Richmond.

Child of Peggy Ann (Kelly) and Clyde Lynwood Jr.⁴⁰³

492ⁱ Debora "Debbie" Lynn Burton (403, 154, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 15 May 1955 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: In January 1962 with her parents in Richmond.

Children of Thelma (Upchurch) and Clyde Lynwood Burton Sr.¹⁵⁴

404ⁱⁱⁱ Robert Burton. (154, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 4 May 1937 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: In Richmond, Virginia in January 1962 with his wife and family.

Married: Joyce Palmer on 8 February 1957 in Richmond, Virginia.

Children: (2) Donald Eugene and Brenda Gay Burton.

Children of Joyce (Palmer) and Robert Burton⁴⁰⁴.

493ⁱ Donald Eugene Burton (404, 154, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born:

Living: In January 1962 with his parents in Richmond.

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494 Brenda Gay Burton (404, 154, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 15 June 1961 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: In January 1962 with her parents in Richmond.

Children of Chantal (Carter)⁴² and Arthur L. Burton continued.

155ⁱⁱ Irene Selma Burton. (42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 28 March 1908 in Marisaa, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In January 1962 in Richmond, Virginia with her husband.

Married: A. Marshall Payne on 5 June 1907.

Children: None

Irene (Carter) Payne was a faithful worker in the Boulevard Methodist church in Richmond. In 1961 she was in charge of many of the meals served at the church. She was also in charge of decorations used.

Marshall Payne was raised in Richmond, Virginia. During World War II he served with the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops, stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado. In June 1960 the Paynes vacationed, by Jet, in Europe. They visited Rotterdam, Amsterdam, the Hague, London and Paris as well as other points of interest.

156ⁱⁱⁱ John Carter Burton (42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 14 October 1913 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois

Living: In January 1962 with his wife and children in Richmond, Virginia, 2344 Grace Street.

Married: Ruby Bagley on 23 September 1930 in Richmond, Virginia.

Children: (3) Jean Elizabeth; Joyce and John Carter "J.C." Burton Jr.

Carter Burton Moved to Richmond, Virginia with his parents in 1917. He was educated in the local schools there. He was employed by the E.I. Du Pont Company in January 1962. During the depression of the late 20's and early 30's, he went to work for a major oil company in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1934 he returned to Richmond to work for the DuPont Company and continued working there. He was foreman and relief supervisor. His work consisted in the supervising of the manufacture of "Cordura", a rayon and heavy denier nylon. He had 34 people and 3 foremen working under him. Carter had attended many training classes pertaining to the manufacture of both rayon and nylon..

Ruby Bagley was raised in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Ruby Bagley) and John Carter Burton¹⁵⁶.

406ⁱ Jean Elizabeth Burton. (156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 13 December 1931 in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Ruby (Bagley) and John Carter Burton¹⁵⁶, continued.

Living: In Huntington, West Virginia with her husband and son in January 1962.

Married: William Thomas Roach II on 23 September 1949.

Children: William Thomas "Tommy" Roach III.

Mr. Roach was employed by the Chicago and Ohio Traffic Department. He transferred from Richmond to the Huntington, office.

Children of Jean Elizabeth (Burton)⁴⁰⁶ and William Thomas Roach II.

495ⁱ William Thomas "Tommy" Roach III (406, 156, 42, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 5 June 1951

Living: January 1962 with his parents in Huntington, West Virginia.

Thomas Roach was attending school in Huntington in 1962 and was making top grades in his school work.

Children of Ruby (Bagley) and John Carter Burton¹⁵⁶ continued.

407ⁱⁱ Joyce Burton (156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 25 July 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Living: In January 1962 with her husband and children in Richmond, Virginia.

Married: William "Billy" Dale on 23 March 1957.

Children: (2) Vickie and William Floyd Dale.

Mr. Dale worked for the Du Pont plant in Richmond, Virginia in 1962. Prior to that he had served for four years in the United States navy during World War II.

Children of Joyce (Burton)⁴⁰⁷ and William Dale.

496ⁱ Vickie Irene Dale (407, 156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 28 November 1958 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: January 1962 with her parents in Richmond.

According to her aunts she is "a caution!" So sweet you could eat her but so mischievous (like Dennis the Menace). Finds herself sitting in the corner, face to the wall often, repenting".

Children of Joyce (Burton⁴⁰⁷ and William Dale, continued.

497ⁱⁱ William Floyd Dale (407, 156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 22 December 1960 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: January 1962 with his parents in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Ruby (Bagley) and John Carter Burton¹⁵⁶ continued.

408ⁱⁱⁱ John Carter "J.C." Burton Jr. (156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 24 December 1936 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: In January 1962 in Richmond, Virginia with his wife and family.

Married: Janice Fay Glover on 13 September 1958.

Children: (2) Christine "Christi" Lynn; and Elizabeth "Beth" Burton.

John Carter Burton Jr. finished grade school and the Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, Virginia, and the University of Virginia. While at the University he received R.O.T.C. training. In 1962 he was serving with the United States Army but he expected to be released by March of 1962. He was able to visit his family shortly at Christmas 1961. He was stationed at Fort Campbell.

Both "J.C." and Fay Burton were members of the Boulevard Methodist church in Richmond since 1921. Before that time they were members of the Epworth Methodist Church from 1917 until 1921. Carter was a member of the Woodland Heights Masonic Lodge number 345 and the Acacia Temple Shrine. His hobbies included interior and exterior decorating, gardening, boating and all spectator sports.

Children of Janice Fay (Glover) and John Carter Burton Jr.⁴⁰⁸

498ⁱ Christine "Christi" Lynn Burton (408, 156, 42, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 1 July 1959 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: January 1962 with her parents in Richmond, Virginia.

Christi always assisted her daddy with the blessing before meals. She waited for her phase and was always right on time with the correct words.

Children of Janice Fay (Glover) and John Carter Burton Jr.⁴⁰⁸, Cont.

499ⁱⁱ Elizabeth "Beth" Burton (408, 156, 42, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 2 November 1960 in Richmond, Virginia.

Living: January 1962 with her parents in Richmond, Virginia.

Beth Burton was a beautiful child and many friends had urged Janice Fay Burton, her mother, to enter her in a Beauty Contest. Mrs. Burton wisely decided against the publicity involved in the contests.

Children of Elvira Ella (Benson) McCandless Carter⁹ and John Carter continued.

43^{iv} Inez Selma Carter (9, 2, 1)

Born: 1 November 1888 at Risdon District, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Jan. 1962 in E. St. Louis with sister Gladys

Unmarried: In January 1963.

She attended Risdon and Marissa schools and graduated from Marissa High School at the age of 17 years. The day after graduation, the president of the school board (and her 5th and 6th grade teacher) asked her to apply for a teaching vacancy. Of the 17 applicants, Inez was the one accepted for the place. Thus she began a career of teaching that was to last for 47 years, fifteen of them to be in Marissa. Next she taught two years in Streator and in 1923 she and her sister, Gladys, went to District 189 in East Saint Louis, Illinois where Inez taught for thirty years before retiring in 1953. Twenty three of those years she was an English teacher in the Lansdowne Junior High School. Inez Carter attended Southern Illinois Normal University and Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) She continued to take night classes from Washington University and from S.I.U. She regreted that altho she lacked only a few credits to complete her work for an AB degree she did not finish. However, she said after a seige of neuritis overtook her, she gave up the degree. Her mother was also living with the girls and in poor health. Thus with home obligations as well as her own health, extra work load was impossible. After retirement Inez kept house for her sister Gladys⁴⁵, who still taught there in (1961), Inez found time for her hobbies of reading and caring for her house plants and over 100 rose plants.

Inez was active too in the Methodist Church and had served as Sunday School officer, Official Board member, belonged to the Guild and choir. In addition she has been active in the Young Women's Christian Association, attended or belonged to Women's Christian Temperance Union, National Education Association, Illinois Education Association, National Retired Teachers Association for one year, as well as serving on the United Fund drive. During the first part of 1958 Inez suffered a heart attack and though she was improving, her activities were somewhat curtailed. She was some improved in 1961.

She and her sister Gladys enjoyed many interesting trips taken by way of their auto. The following letter tells of a visit with nieces and nephews:

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1411 N. 40th
East St. Louis, Ill.
November 9th, 1961

Dear Mary:

Was saddened by the news of Blanche's sudden passing. I have that same trouble but have been getting by dieting and taking medicine for years from doctor. Milk is my salvation. Dr. Sam Benson used to tell me how as a little child I took my tin cup and went to meet my father to have it filled as he came up from milking. Our parents believed in old fashioned remedies. As a child I was given the linings of chicken gizzards, dried and powdered. How I hated that! It was less expensive, however, than what I now take. Wish Viola had come by at least, while so close. I remember her and John's older daughter Helen best of that generation.

We're both busy and everyone tells me how well I'm looking. We had a wonderful trip again this past summer.

Went first to Carter's home in Richmond, Va. The next day he and Ruby took us to Chantal's and Aruther's graves then on to see all the beaches of Va., a fish dinner and back to see J.C.'s and Joyce's families and homes in P.M. Then we circled around to his country home on the Potomac, 88 miles from Richmond. He was having a 2 wks. vacation and so we changed our plans to be there when he was home, J.C.'s and Joyce's families came out for weekend. Thursday we went in town to Irene's and enjoyed our stay equally with her. Each represented Chantal to the other. We spent 9 days at Lake Junaluska, the South Eastern Methodist Assembly. It was at least our 10th trip there. It is just at the edge of the Great Smoky Mts. We love the program, people, scenery, food et cetera.

We went via of Roanoke Is. and saw the play "The Lost Colony", We drove out to Cape Hatteras via of Kitty Hawk, saw the Wright Bros. Memorial, the Light House remains of wrecks, sand, sand, everywhere.

Coming home we went to Pineville, Ky. to see "Job" dramatized and on to "Stephen Foster's Home" to see "My Old Ky. Home" dramatized. These esp. latter were large outdoor theaters. Bardstown Ky. centers around this. It was the best. We saw "Unto These Hills" one other time in Smokies.

After I went to bed last night decided to cross all those recollections out or write it all over. Thank you for omitting it. I was just doing a bit of reminiscing.

I am proud to say Bernice, Gladys Myrtle's 3 girls Myrtle J, Margaret and Elvira, Grace's two daughters' Ruby and Grace J., and Mary Ella's son Harold Kellerman all have earned college degrees either at S.I.U. (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale) or at the oldest Meth. College west of Miss. R. in length of service at Lebanon, Ill. Inez Forsythe graduated in nursing here at St. Mary's and her daughter has quite a responsible position down in Texas but I can't quote it. I'm sorry my health didn't hold out for I lacked so little of finishing. If only they had given credit for traveling I'd have made it easily.

See large sheets for material you want. Best wishes for success in finishing your volume.

I.C. and Gladys

Children of Elvira Ella (Benson) McCandless⁹ and John Carter continued.

44^v Bernice Ella Carter (9, 2, 1).

Born: 19 August 1890 in the Risdon District, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In 1962 in the Marissa home formerly owned by her mother. Until that time she had lived in Belleville, Illinois.

Married: Charles A. Palmer⁸⁴ on 3 June 1913 by Rev. C. L. Peterson. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's mother Ella Carter⁹.

Children: (1) Dorothy Pearl Palmer.

After finishing the grade and high schools in Marissa, Bernice Carter attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. Later she received her AB degree from McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. Mrs Palmer had taught most of her married life except for a year or two when she and her husband lived in Denver, Colorado.

Bernice Palmer underwent major surgery for cancer in October 1959, according to the Sparta News-Plaindealer. She returned to her teaching position in Belleville by Christmas of the same year. She retired in June of 1960. Bernice spent most of 1961 recovering from a broken hip incurred in a fall on ice on 21 December 1960. By 1962 she was able to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Meyers, a sister and brother-in-law of her husband.

(Howie)²⁵ Charles A. Palmer⁸⁴ was born in Illinois, the son of Mariar Emma and Charles Palmer. He died after 1915, after he and his wife had returned to Illinois from Denver, Colorado.

Child of Bernice Ella (Carter)⁴⁴ and Charles A. Palmer⁸⁴.

157ⁱ Dorothy Pearl Palmer (44, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 20 March 1914 in Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1962 with her husband in Belleville, Illinois.

Married: Elmer Lehr 27 November 1936 in Carlyle, Clinton County, Illinois, at the home of the Evangelical pastor.

Children: (3) Dwight; Gary and Judith "Judy" Lehr.

Dorothy Palmer taught school before she was married and later went back to teaching the fifth grade at the High Mount School in Belleville.

The home where Elmer and Dorothy Lehr lived was built by Elmer's father with Elmer's help. As the children grew, Elmer Lehr finished two upstairs bedrooms for Dwight and Gary.

Elmer Lehr was raised in Mascoutch, St. Clair County, Illinois. He was business manager for the Affenberg Ford Agency but his farm was his home and his hobby.

Children of Dorothy Peal (Palmer)¹⁵⁷ and Elmer Lehr.

409ⁱ Dwight Lehr (157, 44, 9, 2, 1)

Born: 20 March 1938, on his mother's birthday, in Belleville, Illinois.

Living: In 1962 in Mascoutah, Illinois with his wife and family.

Married: Allene Holston

Children: (2) Stephen "Stevie" and Mark Lehr.

Dwight Lehr clerked at the Tri-City Grocery near his home. Allene (Holston) was born in the south but spent her childhood in Belleville.

Children of Allene (Holston) and Dwight Lehr⁴⁰⁹.

500ⁱ Stephen "Stevie" Lehr (409, 157, 44, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 19 August 1959 at Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: 1962 in Belleville with his parents.

501ⁱⁱ Mark Lehr (409, 157, 44, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 14 November 1960 in Belleville, Illinois.

Living: In 1962 with his parents in Belleville, Illinois.

Miss Inez Carter⁴³ wrote in 1962 that Mark was one pound lighter and two inches shorter than his brother Stevie at Christmas time 1960. She said, "He is just able to keep up with Stevie and ahead of us."

Children of Dorothy Pearl (Palmer)¹⁵⁷ and Elmer Lehr continued.

410ⁱⁱ Gary Lehr. (157, 44, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 28 February 1941 at Belleville, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1962 at home in Belleville.

Married: Ummarried in January 1962.

Gary Lehr attended grade and high schools in Belleville, Illinois. He attended night classes at Belleville Junior College studying accounting and economics. While he was in the Army Reserves he received a certificate for cooking. In 1961 he shot a 168 pound deer on the family farm during the three day season. The meat was frozen and stored in the family deep freeze and Gary made book ends of the hooves.

Children of Dorothy Peal (Palmer)¹⁵⁷ and Elmer Lehr continued.

411ⁱⁱⁱ Judith "Judy" Lehr (157, 44, 9, 2, 1).

Born: 12 June 1943 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: In 1962 with her parents in Belleville, Illinois.

Judy Lehr finished grade and high school in Belleville. She attended the Junior College at Belleville, Illinois. Judy planned to be a kindergarten or a high school English teacher when she finished college.

Children of Elvira Ella (Benson) McCandless⁹ and John Carter continued.

45^{vi} Gladys Leola Carter (9,2,1).

Born: 16 October 1899 in the Risdon District, St. Clair County, Ill.

Living: November 1961 in East Saint Louis, Illinois with her sister Inez Selma Carter. Their address was 1411 North 40th, East St. Louis, Ill.

Unmarried: Not married in 1963.

Gladys Leola Carter, like her sister Bernice Ella Carter⁴⁴ attended McKendree College and received her AB degree from that institution. She began her teaching experience as a Sunday School teacher when she was 13 years old. She was a choir member and at 18, lead the choir and played the organ in the Marissa church - an office she held until she moved to Streater some nine or ten years later. Miss Carter taught in Streater, Illinois for two years, then accepted a school position in East Saint Louis, Illinois where she was teaching in 1962. The following article published in the East Saint Louis City Journal under the title, The Journal Salutes! tells more of Gladys Carter and her work than the writers could:

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THE JOURNAL SALUTES!

"There is a soul-satisfaction in being a teacher. There is a joy to service" . . . Gladys Carter.

How many of us realize how important teachers are in the life of a community? For the most part we take our teachers for granted. We do not fully understand what a tremendous influence for good they are in the lives of our children.

This is the story of Miss Gladys L. Carter who for more than 30 years has taught at the Slade School, 28th Street and Summit Avenue. For 23 years she has served as superintendent of the children's department of the Sunday School at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 42nd Street and Caseyville Avenue. Miss Carter, of 1411 N. 40th St., was born in Risdon, Ill. Her father died when she was four, and the family of six girls and the mother moved to Marissa. Somehow the mother supported all six children. As Miss Carter puts it:

"We received no help from anyone but I'm glad of it. I think you strengthen your own moral fiber by being on your own."

Mother Carter saw to it that her girls went to church:

"She put us in church right away. I don't even remember missing either Sunday School or church."

And it was in Church that Miss Carter, whose mother wanted all her children to become teachers, received her first opportunity to teach. At the age of 13, she was teaching a class of tiny tots in Sunday School.

After graduating from high school at Marissa, Miss Carter spent her summers acquiring her college education, and her winters teaching the second grade in Marissa schools. She attended Southern Illinois Normal University, Washington University, and McKendree College over a long period. Slowly she acquired the necessary credits, while working as a teacher herself. She never had the opportunity to attend college as others do. But Miss Carter is a woman who believes that a person's education should never cease. Even now she is taking two evening courses at McKendree College, one on "The Exceptional Child", and the other on "The History of Illinois".

SHE LIKES FLOWERS

From Marissa, Miss Carter went to Streator, Ill. to teach, and after two years there, finally came to East St. Louis where she has remained. She lives with her sister Eines. Together they enjoy the mutual hobby of growing flowers and plants. Part of their porch has been converted into a delightful little greenhouse. In the back yard they have been successful in growing some 150 varieties of roses.

In East St. Louis, Miss Carter has devoted the years both to teaching in school and in her church. You never will understand her devotion to teaching unless you understand how important her Christian faith is to her. As she puts it, "My church has taken all the spare time I had. I never really cared for simple social doings. Often that is a waste of time."

In her church, Miss Carter, in addition to the long years of service as Sunday School superintendent (from which she retired in October, 1956), led a Junior boys' choir for five years, directed the Vacation Bible School for five years, served as recording-financial secretary for the church's building program, and has been continuously active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She was voted the Woman of the Year for 1956 at St. Paul's Methodist Church "for outstanding contribution through the years to this church and the total program of Christ and His Kingdom, there making our community a better place in which to live".

SOME OF HER VIEWS

What main problem confronts the church in its efforts to teach the Christian faith?

"Children today do not have the backing of the home that they should have. It makes the church's work much harder. Children come willingly to church when they are smaller, but they need encouragement especially during the teen years."

Have conditions of teaching in public school improved?

"It is harder today to get work out of children. There are so many attractions outside of school. I think that TV should be turned off in most homes more than it is. Children are nervous and need more time for study and quiet. Monday morning is the hardest day of the week to get work out of them. On Monday mornings the children are tired because they've been watching TV or going too much over the weekend or something. They get sleepy and listless."

Are educational standards being maintained at a high level?

"I think we're swinging too much to the easy way. The general trend, for example, is to make textbooks easier. In my opinion, standards have been lowered about a grade over a period of years. Children themselves don't have high enough standards. They are satisfied with less than their best."

What are the qualifications of teachers?

"It takes a lot of things to be a teacher. Teachers should almost have as definite a call to their work as a man's call to the ministry. You have to want to teach."

"A teacher must remember to keep his word to his children. We teachers should constantly keep in mind that we are not just teaching from books, but we are teaching children, and for life."

And this, we can say, is exactly what Miss Carter does. Today the Journal salutes:

MISS GLADYS CARTER

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Children of Elizabeth (McManus) and Thadeus Christopher Benson²
continued.

10ⁱⁱ Samuel E. McManus Benson (2, 1).

Born: 21 June 1859 in Randolph County, Illinois, probably near Steeleville,

Died 5 November 1859, age 4 months, 16 days. Burial was in the Benson Cemetery on the old Rice Benson' farm.

SECTION 3

ii
3 Olivia C. _____ Benson

Born: _____ 1833 as the 7th U. S. Census (V. 10, p. 32, L. 4)
gave her age as 17 years in 1850.

Living: 6 September 1850 when the census was taken in Randolph County,
Illinois near Steeleville.

None of the Rice Benson¹ descendants seem to have heard of Olivia Benson. She might have been a niece or a cousin living with the Benson family although as a rule the family/^{names}were written first on census reports, and others living in the same home appeared last even though the family name was the same. Perhaps research by others will shed some light on her life.

SECTION 4

iii
4 Bethia Benson, (1)

Born: _____ 1836 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.
This date of birth was based on the fact that her age was given as
14 years in the 1850 U.S. Census.

Died: Date not known.

Married: George C. Baird on 6 November 1856 in Randolph County, Ill.
(Randolph County Marriage Records, 1851 - 1870, County Court
House, Chester, Illinois).

Children: (Probably 5) Mary; a son Baird; Lydia; Emma and Addie Baird.

Bethia Benson preferred the name "Bertha" to Bethia and was generally known as Bertha. Her name was also spelled "Bathia", and "Berthia" at times. She was named for her Grandmother Bethia Tilden. Her marriage record shows her name as written "Bathia" Benson.

Her cousin, Callie Mann wrote that she remembered "Bertha" Benson Baird as she and her daughter Mary would come to Chester for Teacher's conventions years ago. They were very attractive and pleasant women, said Mrs. Mann. She also said there had been a baby son who died in infancy. Graves recorded in the Benson cemetery also listed infants, Lydia, Emma and Addie Baird infants of Geo. C. Baird.

George C. Baird was born in 1836 as he was 14 years of age when the U.S. Census for 1850 was taken. He was born in Illinois and was one of six children born to John and Mary (_____) Baird. John Baird, born in South Carolina, was 65 years of age in 1850 (Census report). His wife, Mary Baird,

was 60 at that time and was also born in South Carolina. The Baird Children, brothers and sisters of George as given by the 1850 Census were: Adam, age 22; Robert, age 30; James, 20; Alex, 16; George, 14; and June, 12. All were given as born in Illinois. (V. 19)

11ⁱ Mary Baird, (3, 1)

Born:

Died

Unmarried: As far as was learned.

Mary Baird taught school for years in Randolph County, Illinois. After the death of her father, Mary's mother made her home with her for many years.

Miss Baird went to Chester, County seat, for the annual Teacher's Convention many times, accompanied by her mother. It was at these meetings that she would visit Mrs. Mann.

ii _____ a son, Baird (3, 1)

Born:

Died: In Infancy

iii Lydia Baird (3, 1)

Born:

Died: As an infant. Buried in Benson Cemetery on the Rice Benson farm.

iv Emma Baird (3, 1)

Born:

Died: As an infant and buried in the Benson Cemetery on the Rice Benson farm.

v Addie or Adeline Baird (3, 1)

Born:

Died: As an infant. Buried in the Benson cemetery on the Rice Benson farm.

The last three children of Bethia and George C. Baird -- Lydia, Emma, and Addie Baird -- were found listed as persons whose graves were in the Benson Cemetery on the farm owned by Rice Benson' located 1 mile east of Blair, Illinois.

The above record was found in the Mormon Church Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, in a collection of grave records in Private Cemeteries in Randolph County, Illinois. The fact that the information was on file in that particular library does not necessarily mean that the person or persons were Mormons. The Library welcomed all genealogy matter as reference materials.

The grave record of Lydia, Emma and Addie Baird was the only record found of such children born to Bethia and George C. Baird.

The 20 July 1961; issue of the Sparta News-Plaindealer, carried an article on Randolph County men who had served in the Civil War and who were mustered out of the service. The group was Company G, 80th Illinois Infantry. George C. Baird was listed as a private.

SECTION 5

5^{iv}

Lewis Alonzo Benson and His Descendants

- Born:** 18 January 1839 in Randolph County, Illinois, Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Steeleville, on the farm of his parents. This birthdate was furnished by Wallace Benson⁵¹. It corresponds with his age as shown on the 1850 Census. However his gravestone seemed to read "Born 1838". The last figure was not plain and might have been either an "8" or a "9" according to Margaret McIntyre Benson Hurst.
- Died:** 22 August 1908 in Napa, California, a town near San Francisco according to family records. Death was due to a heart attack. Mrs. Frank Torrens, Family Genealogies of Randolph County, gave his death as 23 August 1908. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Ill.
- Married:** Martha Ross Hughes on 4 September 1861 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. (Marriage Record Book, Randolph County, 1851-1870) Martha was 18 and Lewis was 22 years of age when they were married.
- Children:** (10) children were born to this union but only 6, all boys, lived. They were: William John; Lewis Alonzo Jr; James Andrew; Samuel Albert; Joseph Rice; and Charles Edward Benson.

Lewis Alonzo Benson Sr. was born at the farm home of his parents about one mile east of Blair, Illinois and about four miles north of Steeleville. He lived for only a short time at that home after the death of his mother in 1851. His older brother, Thadeus Christopher², continued to farm the home place but Lewis and his younger brothers and sisters apparently were raised by others in the community.

A son of Lewis, Rev. Charles E. Benson²⁰, wrote that his father, "at the age of 13 years started to work for two blind farmers, John and Maxie McCormick near Sparta. Later he worked for Charles Miller. It was in the Miller home that young Benson received much Christian influence that was to mean a great deal to him in his later life. When Lewis was older he farmed for himself." According to articles in early Randolph County history the Millers were active in the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Where Lewis and his brothers and sisters attended school or how much schooling they received was not known. Their mother, Elvira Benson had been a school teacher before her marriage and it was likely that at least the older children had received some elementary schooling from her at home. Regardless of where or from whom Lewis received his education, he wrote a very excellent hand. His letters to his niece, Ella Benson Carter⁹ many years later were well written. Some of them did show the early English influence by ending certain words in the letter "e".

Lewis Benson's own farm consisted of 180 acres of land some four miles south of Sparta, Illinois and one mile east of route 43. The farm was located in Section 29 of Township 5 south, Range 5 west. It was also about one and one half miles north and about one mile east of the old Rice Benson¹ place where he was born. Rice's¹ place was in the northwest corner of Section 6 of Township 6 south, Range 5 west. Highway 43 would run through the place in 1962.

The old John M. Hughes place where Martha Hughes was born and raised, joined the Lewis Benson place on the east. An old trail that later became road number 16 ran along the east side of the Hughes's place. At the time Lewis and his family lived on their farm, a dirt road ran through the Benson place to the road 16. It was later closed.

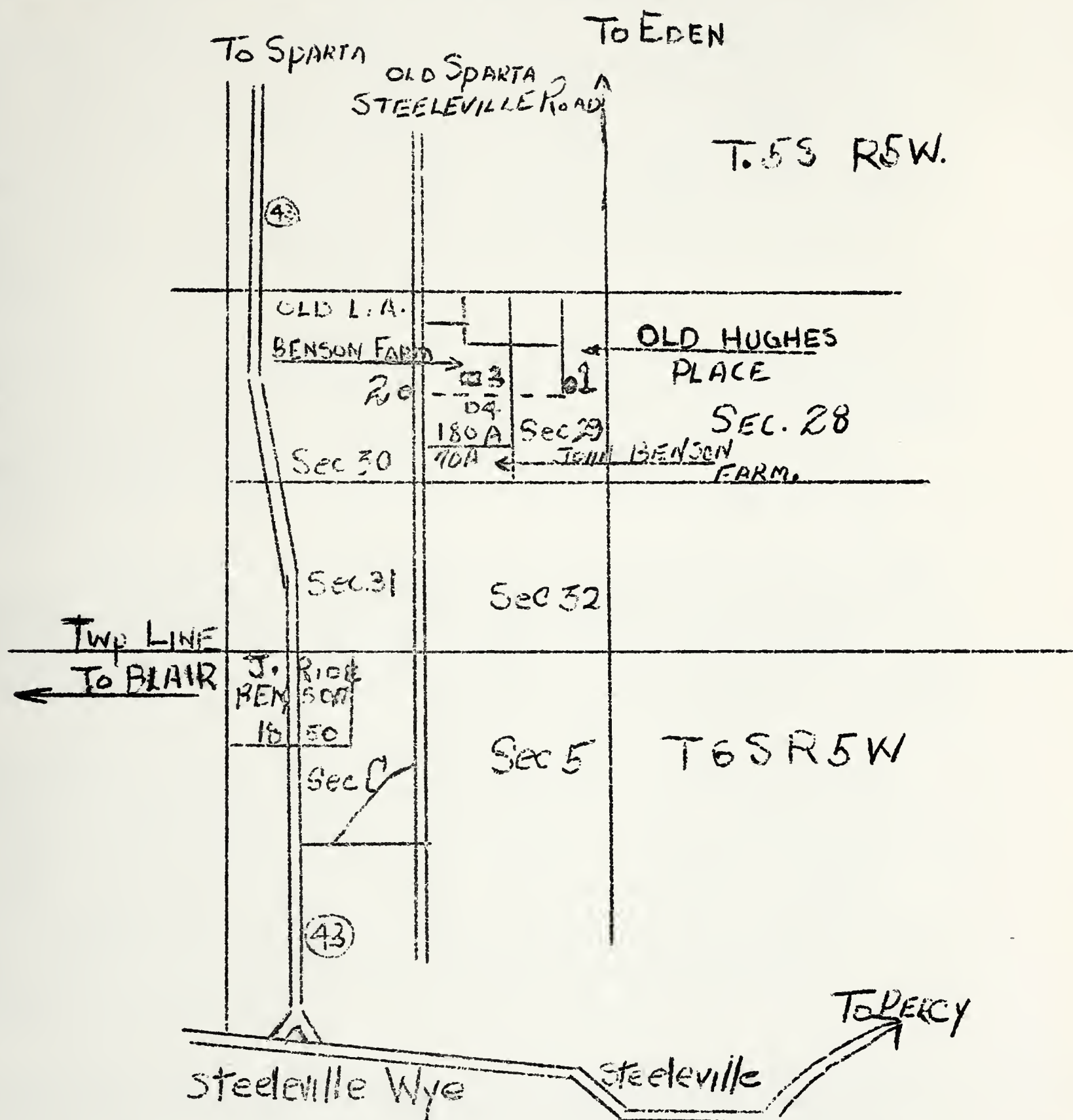
The Benson place was later owned by Guy P. Gordon. South of Lewis's place were 80 acres later owned by his son John Benson¹³ and in 1962 it was a part of his estate. Two of his children, Helen Benson Blair⁴⁶ and Walter Benson lived on the place in 1962.

Mrs. Anna (Wilson) McIntyre sent the writer a Randolph County plat book in which she and her husband, Lester Brown McIntyre, had marked many points of interest to the families of the history. Using the plat, Ralph Benson⁴⁸ indicated the location of the Lewis Benson home and the old cemetery across the road from the house in which several infants or small children had been buried. They were probably the baby daughters of Lewis and Martha Benson.

On the Hughes place, the school room of Eliza McClure Hughes was marked. It later became the old Concord school. The new or Concord school was marked on the corner of the dirt road and the section road, about one fourth mile from Lewis's house. It was in the new Concord school that the Benson children received part of their elementary education.

In 1962 Miss Lillie Hughes McIntyre, a niece of Martha (Hughes) Benson sent the writers two pictures of the home Lewis Benson built. The writers appreciate the use of the pictures. Both Ralph Benson⁴⁸ and Miss McIntyre said the house faced south and was on the north side of the dirt cross-road.

GENERAL LOCATION of THE OLD FARMS of RICE & LEWIS A. BENSON



1. OLD CONCORD (Hughes) SCHOOL.
2. NEW CONCORD SCHOOL.
3. HOUSE of LEWIS A. BENSON.
4. Cemetery on L.A. BENSON FARM.
5. Cemetery on RICE BENSON FARM NOT LOCATED.

The pictures of the house were yellowed with time and in order to be used, the writers took them to the Fishback Photography Shop in Fort Collins for a new copy. Digressing from the story of the house for a moment, the writer would like to mention that on returning to the shop to pick up the prints, the young lady working there took the pictures out of the folder they were in and asked; "does this house mean anything special to You?" On being told that it was where Herbert Benson⁵⁸ was born, she asked, "Is it in Illinois?" "Is it in Randolph, County?" "Is it in the general Schuline-Steeleville area?" On being told that it was, she almost jumped up and down saying, "I knew it! I knew it! I knew it!" To relieve the somewhat bewildered expression of the writer and her husband, the young lady explained that she had lived in the house as a child. She said she would recognize it any place. She explained that she was Flem Glenn's daughter Lulu. Small world.

To return to the picture of the home of Lewis Benson, Martha (Hughes) Benson's room was on the ground floor. The room upstairs on the north-east corner was occupied by Joe Benson¹⁹. The south-east corner room was a storage room at the time Margaret (McIntyre) and Joe Benson lived there. Margaret's room was on the north and upstairs. It was probably the room in which both Mary Blanche⁵⁷ and Herbert⁵⁸ Benson were born. The lovely two story home of the 1890s and the early 1900s was later torn down and a smaller one was built in its place, according to Ralph Benson⁴⁸.

Inez Carter⁴³, a great granddaughter of Elvira and Rice Benson¹ wrote: "We were at Uncle Lewis' and Aunt Martha's often. Uncle Lewis seemed very fond of Mother (i.e. Ella Benson Carter⁹) and of her daughters. I have a faint remembrance of Viola⁵⁶ and of Blanche⁵⁷ being there for Joe¹⁹ and Maggie lived with them". This would be between 1905 and 1908. Lewis was described as a rather short man, with medium brown hair. He always wore a mustache, it was said.

Lewis loved to climb according to his daughter-in-law, Margaret McIntyre Benson. No tree was too high or too difficult for him. When he was about 56 or 57 - in 1895 or 1896 - he climbed some 12 or 14 feet up in an old apple tree to shake some of the ripe fruit down for the hogs. A limb broke under his weight sending him head foremost to the ground. He was badly injured and for the rest of his life he was unable to turn his head without turning his shoulders. It was after the fall that his younger sister Harriet or Hattie⁸ visited in Sparta from California. She asked Lewis to come to California for a time as she felt the warmer weather would be beneficial to his shoulder and neck. Evidently Lewis decided to return with her for Wallace Benson⁵¹, a grandson wrote that he remembered his own father telling of Lewis' trip to California in the late 1890s.

At one time Lewis Benson purchased mines or mining stock in California that were very valuable. One he wrote was worth "several Illinois farms" and that he had been offered twice what he paid for the stock. It was not known where the mines were or what became of them or the mining stock he owned although there had been much speculation among the family members.

Lewis returned to Sparta but again in 1903 he returned to California. It was not known if he went to visit his sister and brother again, or if the pull of western wonderlust drew him there as it had his father and brother. He remained there however until his death in 1908 except for a short time in the spring of 1907. At that time the home of his oldest son, John¹³, had burned. He returned to Sparta, according to Ralph Benson⁴⁸, to help with the crops and to be of some assistance in the rebuilding of the house. Ralph Benson and David Montgomery did the actual rebuilding after first cutting lumber from the Benson timber. The house completed, Lewis returned to California where he died, in Napa, in 1908. His wife did not accompany him to California as she did not wish to leave her home and family.

Lewis A. Benson's death was due to a heart attack. A nurse who cared for Lewis while he was in the hospital in Napa told the relatives that the family with whom he stayed had started to town to mail a package. Noticing the package had been left on a table, Lewis ran down the lane trying to catch the folks. He suffered the heart attack and was hospitalized. He died several days later. His body was returned to Sparta, Illinois for funeral services and burial in the Caledonia Cemetery there.

Writing of Lewis Benson, Rosalie (Hughes) Finley, a niece wrote:

"Lewis Benson was a colorful personality of whose life an interesting history could be written".

Many interesting stories were told of his life by his various descendants. Some were true and some over the years had become fantasy. One story claimed that Lewis was the one who came to America by boat with his mother. Another claimed that he was only six when his mother died and when he went to work to support himself. Still another claimed that Lewis came to Randolph to visit cousins, met Martha Hughes and married her. The stories have been shown to be only partly true, for some of the events happened to his ancestors and many of the dates were wrong.

The flare for the unusual seemed to follow "Lew" Benson even in death for his body was misssent to one of the southern states. It was more than week after it was expected in Sparta that the shipment was finally straightened out and the body arrived and was carried to its last resting place.

One thought that Lewis Benson tried to impress upon his children, according to his son Charles²⁰, was that "they should always fear debt as thought it was the devil".

Martha Ross Hughes, Lewis Benson's wife, was born 14 July 1843 at the old Hughes home 4 miles south of Eden in Randolph County, Illinois and died 31 October 1913. She was the daughter of Eliza McClure Hughes (born 22 December 1813 and died 31 July 1892) and John Milton Hughes (born 10 August 1810 and died 22 February 1886). Martha's obituary gave her mother's name as "Elizabeth" and her father's as "John Milton." Martha Benson died at 7:15 a.m. Friday 31 October 1913 at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, James and Mary (Hughes) McIntyre. She was 70 years, 3 months and 19 days of age at that time. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Illinois. The pallbearers were five sons, John¹³, Alonzo¹⁴, James¹⁵, Charles²⁰, and Samuel¹⁶ and a grandson, William Benson⁴⁷. These same six had also served for their father's funeral a few years previously.

Although descendants as a whole list Martha's middle name as "Ross", one daughter-in-law, Margaret McIntyre Benson, felt sure the name was "Ralston". All agree that she was named for her grandmother and that grandmother was named Martha Ross.

The obituary also gave the middle name as "Ross" as did Miss Lillie Hughes McIntyre, a niece who had compiled much Hughes history and in whose parents' home Martha died. Another niece, Mrs. Rosalie (Hughes) Finley (Robert O.), also gave the middle name as "Ross" for Martha's grandmother Ross. Ruth Benson Vaughan⁵⁰, a granddaughter said; "Definitely Grandmother Benson's middle name was "Ross" and it was her grandmother's name, but I am not positive in recollection as to whether it was her maiden name or if she was a widow. Grandmother told me several times about her mother and her mother's trip and of a half-sister coming across the ocean on a long, stormy voyage. Grandmother's Mother would be (Great) Grandmother Hughes, I guess. There was Macmillan girl on that voyage, my great-grandmother and her half-sister, Martha Pelton."

Rev. Charles Edward Benson²⁰, a son of Martha (Hughes) Benson, also mentioned the trip, the half-sister and the Macmillan girl, but he did not remember his mother's middle name, only that the initial was "R". Later he found the obituary for his mother, Martha Ross (Hughes) Benson, and sent it to the writers.

Miss Lillie Hughes McIntyre and Mrs. Rosalie McClure (Hughes) Finley, both nieces of Martha (Hughes) Benson, provided much of the following McClure and Hughes information. The writers were grateful to them for their help.

According to these two ladies, Eliza (or Elizabeth) McClure was born 22 December 1813 in Londonderry, County Derry, Ireland. She died 31 July 1892 in Randolph County, Illinois, about four miles south of Eden and Sparta. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James McClure and immigrated to the United States with them when she was about five or seven years old. For the 1850 United States Census for Illinois, Eliza gave South Carolina as her birth place. This frequently happened in the early census reports for people often gave the state in which they last lived or the state where they spent most of their childhood rather than the actual place of birth.

Both Dr. McClure and Mrs. McClure were born in Londonderry. The doctor died in South Carolina and Mrs. McClure in Randolph County, Illinois. The date of their marriage was not known but it was at least before 1812. It would seem from the various records that Mrs. McClure was a widow with at least one child, a daughter, when she married the Doctor. Eliza and her half sister, Martha Pelton were mentioned as coming to America with their parents. Martha Ross Hughes was said to have been named for her grandmother, Martha Ross. Although the line was not definitely proven because of lack of records, it would seem that Mrs. McClure was born Martha Ross and married a Mr. Pelton who died after the birth of at least a daughter, Martha Pelton. Later she married Doctor McClure and bore him several children among whom was Eliza or Elizabeth McClure.

Doctor McClure, and his wife, children and step-children and a 17 year old friend, Miss McMillian, left Ireland by way of a "tramp steamer" in the winter of 1818 or 1820 for America. Because of the winter storms they were carried many miles off course, taking some seven months to make the crossing. Five of the seven months they were out of sight of land. At the end of the trip the Doctor was heard to remark that he had at several times given up hope of bringing the ship through to land again. It was not known from the remark if the Doctor helped with the actual navigation of the ship or if he really meant that he had doubts that the ship would make the voyage. So many of the early records were lost and repetition by word of mouth can become altered over the years.

The McClures and their family settled in South Carolina and the Doctor practiced medicine there until his death. He was survived by his wife and several children. After his death Mrs. McClure became alarmed by the growing tension in the south over the slavery question and by the growing plantation expansion forcing out smaller farms. Sometime after 1830 and before 1837 Mrs. McClure loaded her covered wagons with her furniture, her husband's medical equipment and remaining drugs, her beloved plants and herbs and her children. She joined one of the wagon caravans that were leaving almost daily for Illinois and the northern states. Nothing was found of the trip north, how long it took the family to reach its destination or the route taken. From history of routes of the time it would seem that it was a long and difficult one. Much of the trip was probably made by flat boat up the water ways to Randolph County, Illinois, where they made their home. They probably landed at Chester or Smith's landing as it was called in early days. From there it was known that the McClures followed an old Indian trail inland toward Eden. There Mrs. McClure and her family found farm land and established a home. The boys became busy with clearing and building a home with some help from the girls. They soon made an important place for themselves in the growing pioneer community. Mrs. McClure, with her knowledge of medicine and herbs, was often called on in time of illness. Eliza soon established classes for the children who could attend a school.

Elizabeth "Eliza" McClure married John Milton Hughes on 18 November 1837 in Randolph County, Illinois. Rev. Samuel Wylie performed the ceremony. (Mrs. Torrens gave the marriage date as 23 November 1837).

John Milton Hughes was born 10 August 1810 in Tennessee according to both Miss McIntyre and Mrs. Finley. Mr. Hughes gave Alabama as his birth place in answer to the question for the United States Census for Illinois. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes formerly of Vermont. The date of their emigration to Tennessee was not given but it was before 1810 when their son John Milton was born. He died 22 February 1886 in Randolph County, Illinois.

The senior Hughes' were of strict Puritan faith and had planned a career in the ministry for their son from the time of his childhood. Therefore when he was about 20, they prepared to send him to New York to begin his education and training for such service. Young Hughes however seemed to harbour other ideas. Although he started out by horseback with the rest of the group New York bound, he changed his course after some three days travel and joined the United States Army then engaged in the Black Hawk Indian Campaign. Perhaps the adventure and glamour of the Indian battles seemed more exciting to the young man than did the more peaceful life of a minister.

After his release from the army, John Hughes did not return to his home in Tennessee for his mother had died and his father had married again. Instead he followed the advice of his Captain who had staked out land in Illinois, south of Columbus, later called Sparta. Captain Jack Gordon urged young Hughes to do the same. He especially recommended the 120 acres near his land as some of the best in the area. The land was in Township 5 South and 5 West, in Section 29, next to land that was later to be the Lewis Alonzo Benson farm. The place had five springs, something that was of value to the farmer.

John Hughes was mustered out of the army in 1833, and went to Randolph County to look over the land. The night he reached Columbus, the settlers were giving a dance for the returning soldiers. Hughes attended the dance, met Eliza McClure and according to descendants, it was "love at first sight". At least the next day John filed for the land. The patent or deed was on file in the County Court House at Chester. However John signed his name as "John S. Hughes", a spelling relatives said he took to avoid confusion with another family of Hughes already there. Hughes rented a small cabin on Captain Jack Gordon's place and began to work on his farm. On 23 November 1837 Eliza McClure and John Milton Hughes were married by the Rev. Samuel Wylie, a Reformed Presbyterian minister at Eden and Sparta. The young couple continued to live in the cabin on the Gordon place until John had hewn the logs to build quite a large home for his family. The house was said to have been located on the top of a hill and faced south. The best of the five springs was at the bottom of the hill. The old Indian trail from Eden and Sparta to Cutler passed in front of the house.

After some years there were children in the home old enough for school. John Hughes built a "school room" a short distance west of the home. It was under big oak trees. Here Eliza taught her children and perhaps some of those of her neighbors. In the same room Eliza when old enough, took her mother's place as teacher. Later her sister Mary taught the children who came to the school. The school was later taken over, remodeled by the county and became the first Concord school.

Eliza McClure was also noted as a nurse and a midwife of considerable skill. She was often depended on in times of sickness in the area. It was said that she compounded many of her medicines from herbs as her father and mother had done before her. The home of Eliza and John Hughes was a busy one. Ten children were born there. They were:

1. Martha Jane Hughes
Born: 10 September 1838 at the Hughes farm home.
Died: 15 January 1839, age 4 months.
2. James A. Hughes
Born: 15 March 1840
Died: 23 August 1847, age 7 years, 5 months and 8 days.
3. Jane N. Hughes
Born: 25 November 1841
Died: November 1920, age 79 years.
Married: John McCoughan

4. Martha Ross Hughes
 Born: 14 July 1843
 Died: 31 October 1913, age 70 years, at the home of her sister, Mary Hughes McIntyre.
 Married: Lewis Alonzo Benson Sr.
5. Sarah Agnes Hughes
 Born: 16 July 1845
 Died: 3 January 1910, age 65 years
 Married: First - James Ennis
 Second - Samuel Baird, his second wife.
6. Mary Eliza Hughes
 Born: 3 April 1847
 Died: 9 February 1921, age 74 years.
 Married: James C. McIntyre, his second wife.
 Mother of Sophie, Lillie and Robert McIntyre.
7. John Milton Hughes Jr.
 Born: 3 February 1849
 Died: 20 September 1894, age 45 years.
8. Henry T. Hughes
 Born: 10 September 1852
 Died: 16 August 1921, age 69 years.
 Married: Margaret Jane McIntyre, 11 April 1882
 Mother of Rosalie Hughes McIntyre
9. William E. Hughes
 Born: 30 May 1856
 Died: 15 September 1880, age 24 years.
10. Lucetia "Cetta" E. Hughes
 Born: 24 September 1859
 Died: 6 May 1928, age 69 years.
 Unmarried

The home of Eliza and John Hughes was a busy one for like all pioneer homes it was an almost complete economic unit in itself. The family not only had to clear the land, build a house, but the Hughes' grew their own cotton, raised their own sheep for their wool and both carded and spun the yarn, then wove the yarns into materials for clothing, blankets, counterpanes and rugs. The girls and the mother made the clothing from such yarns. One daughter, Lucetia, continued to weave rugs for people in Sparta for many years. The food had to be raised and preserved for winter use either by drying, smoking, storing in cellars, pickling or packing in brine, depending on the food. Grain was raised then hauled to mills where it was ground for flour. Yes, indeed it was a busy home but also a Christian home.

Martha Hughes became a member of the Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church when she was five years old, under the guidance of the Rev. Samuel Wylie. After receiving her education from her mother, Martha taught at the old Concord school. She became engaged to Young Lewis A. Benson⁵ while teaching. Charles E. Benson²⁰ wrote that when Martha went to collect her salary for teaching her father went with her. As the man handed the money across the table, Mr. Hughes reached out, took the money and pocketed it. Thus the money that Martha had worked for and probably dreamed of using for her trousseau or in her new home disappeared, never to be seen again. Those were the days of course, when property of a woman was not her own, but her husband's or her father's. In this case the father just laid claim to the small amount of money before the husband could have the chance to receive it.

Martha Benson taught her own small boys at her home until about 1874. At that time rural schools in the county were considered by the Bensons to be improved enough for their children to attend. By that time the new Concord school had been built. Mrs. Benson had also learned much about the care of the sick from her mother as well as all aspects of making a home.

Not wanting to leave her home, her children and their families and her relatives, Martha chose to remain on the farm and wait her husband's return from California. Her son Joseph¹⁹ and his wife Margaret (McIntyre) Benson lived with her and helped on the farm from 1903 to 1906. In 1906 Martha Benson went to Saint Louis, Missouri to live with another son, Dr. Samuel Benson¹⁶. She returned to the farm in 1907 and lived with her daughter-in-law. Joe had left his family by that time. In 1908 Martha Benson moved to the home of her sister, Mary (Hughes) McIntyre, where she remained until her death on 31 October 1913. Miss Lillie McIntyre helped to care for her Aunt Martha in her last sickness.

MRS. MARTHA R. BENSON

(Obituary taken from the Sparta (Illinois) Plain Dealer*)

In the death of Mrs. Martha R. Benson, widow of the late Louis A. Benson, the farming community south of Sparta, lost one of its oldest and best citizens. She departed this life at 7:15 a.m., Friday, October 31, 1913, at the age of seventy years, three months, and nineteen days. Her husband preceded her to the grave five years ago August 22. For a greater portion of the time since her husband's death she has resided with her sons in St. Louis. Some weeks ago she came to the old home community to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary McIntyre, where she was taken with the illness which resulted in her death. Six sons survive - John, who lives near the old homestead; Rev. Alonzo of Clay Center, Kan.; Jos. R., of North Dakota; Dr. S. A., Prof. J. A. and Charles, of St. Louis, all of whom were present at the funeral, except Jos. R.

The funeral was held at the R. P. Church, of which she was a faithful member for many years, at 1:30 p.m., Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. W. J. Smiley, the Pastor, assisted by Rev. H. G. Foster of Sparta, and Dr. J. L. Chestnut of Coulterville. The interment was at Caledonia cemetery.

Martha Ross Hughes, daughter of John Milton and Elizabeth (McClure) Hughes, was born at the old home about four miles south of Eden, July 14, 1843.

She was brought up in a Christian home, enjoying its privileges and sharing its duties according to the custom of the times. While her bodily needs were provided for, her spiritual culture was not neglected. Under the training of a godly mother, whose memory is still precious in the community, her attention was early directed to the things unseen and eternal; and on the 15th of May, 1858, in the fifteenth year of her age, she recognized her baptismal vows by becoming a member in full communion in the Bethel Reformed Presbyterian church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Samuel Wylie.

This profession she adorned by a walk and conversation becoming the gospel, continuing steadfastly in the same fellowship until called home, Friday morning, October 31, 1913.

On the 4th of September, 1861, when eighteen years of age, she was united in marriage with Lewis A. Benson, with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life until the family tie was severed by his removal by death August 22, 1908.

Ten children were born in their home, of whom six sons survive to mourn her departure, John, the oldest, living near the old home, the (this was torn out), L. A., pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church, Clay Center, Kansas; the third and fourth, James A. and Samuel A., in professional life in St. Louis, the former a teacher in one of the city high schools, the latter a successful physician in that city; the fifth, Joseph R., away from home at present, and the youngest, Charles E., also a resident of St. Louis.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed."

The mother was permitted to see them settled in homes of their own and after her own home had been broken up by death, she made her home among her children.

She had been in declining health for some time, and after a lingering illness, ministered to by loving hands, she quietly entered into rest, at the home of her sister, Mary, having reached her three score and ten years.

A faithful wife, a loving mother, an exemplary member of the church, her pilgrimage is ended.

She has entered her Father's house above, and shall no more go out. To depart and be with Christ was for her far better.

She was one who possessed the armament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price.

She was rooted and grounded in the faith, and ardently and intelligently devoted to the church of her birth; and to the bereaved sons and relatives today, we bring the promise of their father's and mother's God -- a covenant God -- "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." -- Sparta (Illinois) Plain Dealer.

(*On the top of the clipping, family members have written "Died Octo. 29, 1913". This clipping from the Sparta New Plaindealer was sent by Rev. Chas. E. Benson²⁰

Children of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson⁵.

13ⁱ William John Benson (5, 1).

Born: 10 May 1862 on the old Benson farm near Sparta, in Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 18 October 1935 near Sparta. His death resulted from an accident on a country road when he, his wagon and team were struck by a truck. He was buried in Union Cemetery.

Married: Margaret Montgomery on 28 September 1887 near Sparta, in Randolph County, Illinois.

Children: (4) Mary Helen; William John; David Ralph; and Walter E. Benson.

William John Benson, like his younger brothers was educated for a time at home. His mother, Martha Hughes Benson had been a teacher before her marriage and so she taught her sons at home until such time as the rural schools improved. Then the boys attended the Concord School. Later John attended Sparta High School from which he graduated. An article written by his brother Alonzo¹⁴, stated that the three brothers, John¹³, Alonzo¹⁴, and James¹⁵, graduated from Sparta High School the same night. Dr. S. W. Marshall gave out the diplomas and the Brown brothers sang", Alonzo remembered¹⁴.

In June 1929 the Sparta News-Plaindealer published a Centennial Edition. John Benson's name appeared several times. Some of the articles are as follows:

ARTICLES FROM THE CENTENNIAL EDITION OF THE SPARTA NEWS-PLAINDEALER, June 13, 1929

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THE AMATEUR SENATE

"Editor's Note - Half a century ago there existed in Sparta an organization of young men banded together for the purpose of educating themselves in parliamentary practices. From this group there migrated to the four corners of the nation, men who have since made names for themselves in law, medicine and in other professions. One of them, Dr. D. S. Booth, now of St. Louis, has written the following interesting history of the organization, operation and activities of The Amateur Senate, with biographies of the senators."

(Because of the length of the article, only the biographies of particular interest to this history have been copied.)

BIOGRAPHIES

JOHN BENSON

"John Benson was a quiet, studious, good natured, plodding individual living out in the styx, and missed fewer days at school than most of those living next door. He not only came to school

regularly but probably never missed church. He graduated in the classical course from the Sparta high school, after which he successfully taught school which, in his case, means that he taught his pupils how to become good citizens. He is now retired, resting on his laurels, and living near to 'nature's heart' on a farm near his boyhood home. He blushed when a girl glanced at him, and yet we understand he is married. We recall with great pleasure the two watermelon parties he gave to the members."

Taken from the News-Plaindealer of June 13, 1929

Centennial Wanderers Edition

According to Mrs. James C. Burns, a teacher, the junior class of Sparta High School gave a play given March 29, 1880 in which the following were among those taking part:

Sarah Thompson, as a maid of honor
 Charlie Adams as Little Boy Blue
 John Benson as Simple Simon
 Todd Hood as Old King Cole
 William Thompson, as Peter Piper
 James Boyle, as Jack Horner

Lavina Anderson Sterrett, wife of Dr. W. H. Sterrett of 449 W. Brookdale Place, Fullerton, California wrote for the 1929 edition saying that among those she remember were "the Benson boys".

Ed McConachie, a railroader wrote (1929 Edition) that John Benson had been one of his teachers.

Mrs. Alice Miller Heincemann (Heitzmann) of Denver (died 1959) wrote in an article "Affairs of the Shieks and Flappers of Years Ago" that she remembered much of her early school days and school mates, among them were "the Benson Boys - Alonzo, Jim and Sam".

Florence Maxwell Dennis of San Antonio, Texas (Mrs. J. O.) wrote: "While living at home we attended the country school at Concord, with the Benson, Gibsons, Mary McConachie, and others, all of whom we remember with pleasure. Also the teachers."

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After high school, John attended Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois as did his brothers. No mention was found of his graduating but he did teach school for more than 25 years so he must have completed the work. He taught for 25 years at Eden, Illinois. At that time schools closed in April so that the boys could be free to help on the farms. The 50 year ago Column in the Sparta paper for 10 April 1958 carried a note to the affect that the Eden school, taught by John Benson closed on April 1908 for the summer.

Katie's Kolyum, Sparta News-Plaindealer for 9 March 1961 wrote that "the late John Benson was principal of Steeleville when basketball came to the school some 46 or 47 years ago". One of her readers added that girls were the first to play basketball at the school. It was not certain if the above John Benson was that John Benson of this outline but probably was the same person. Relatives said that John lived all his life on his farm one-half mile south of the old Benson⁵ place, South of Sparta and near Steeleville.

Randolph County Records at Chester, Illinois show that one "John Benson received a deed from Ann Blair for the S E 1/4 S W 1/4 of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 5 West of the 6th Principle Meridian. It was dated 24 June 1887 and recorded 27 June 1887 in the Deed Records Book 36 at page 1". This was the land next to his father's and where his son and daughter lived in 1962.

In addition to his teaching, John was an active worker in his church, the Reformed Presbyterian. He taught a Sunday School class for many years. Once he was called on to conduct the funeral service for a member of the church because the roads were so bad that winter that the minister was unable to get there. For many years John fought the sale and use of liquor. It was ironic that both he and his team should be killed by a beer truck as they were driving along a country road. The Sparta News-Plaindealer, 25 year ago column for 20 October 1960, 25 October 1935 issue, wrote;

"John Benson, 73, a prominent farmer living about 4 miles south of Sparta, was fatally injured Friday afternoon when the wagon on which he was riding was hit by a truck driven by Sam Riggle of Du Quoin. Mr. Benson died at the Sutherland Hospital in Sparta, Friday night. He never regained consciousness."

John Benson married Margaret Montgomery on 28 September 1887 near Sparta, Illinois. Born 28 March 1870 in Schrove, County, Donegal, Ireland, Margaret was the daughter of Susan (McMath) and James Montgomery. Susan and James Montgomery were married about 1867 in County Donegal, Ireland. Susan McMath was born 27 June 1849 in Ireland and died 11 April 1913 at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy (McIntyre) Montgomery who lived on a farm near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. She was buried in a Sparta cemetery. James Montgomery was born at Schrove, County Donegal, Ireland and died in August 1928 in Sparta, Illinois. He was buried there.

Margaret, (see allied families - Montgomery), her parents and two brothers, William and David arrived in New York City, New York in 1880 and then proceeded to Illinois, settling in the Sparta area. Two of the children, Leticia (Tissie), the oldest of the Montgomery children and Joseph remained in Ireland for a while before joining their parents in Illinois. They stayed with their Uncle William Montgomery. Other children were born later in Illinois. The father, James Montgomery, worked for David McConachie who was from County Antrim, North Ireland. Later James bought 40 acres of land southeast of Sparta where the family made their home. The Montgomery children attended rural schools there. The farm was owned by Harry Hill in 1958.

Margaret (Montgomery) Benson died 31 March 1955 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois of arteriosclerosis. She was buried in the Union Cemetery, just outside Sparta.

Much of the information for Margaret and her family was supplied by her son David Ralph Benson⁴⁸ and by nieces, Florence Montgomery Baird, Myrtle Montgomery Moltowski and Elsie Montgomery Cole. Some material was also obtained from County Records.

The Union Cemetery was next to the United Presbyterian Church, according to Wallace Benson⁵¹. In later years the church building was twice destroyed by cyclones. It was rebuilt once but the second time the building was destroyed, the congregation reguilt at a new location. It was still standing in 1961, according to Wallace Benson⁵¹.

Children of Margaret Montgomery and William John Benson¹³.

46ⁱ Mary Helen Benson (13, 5, 1).

Born: 23 May 1890 at Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living March 1963 with her brother Walter⁴⁹ on their father's place north of Steeleville.

Married: James Howard Blair on 10 April 1918.

Children: (2) Rupert Earl; and Robert Laverne Blair.

Helen and her brothers attended the Concord school. Helen graduated from the Sparta High School. The following article found in the 50 year ago column of a copy of the Sparta News-Plaindealer in 1957 gave an idea of the method used by Helen and her brother to reach school.

"Monday morning when the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, south of Sparta, drove into town to attend high school, they were driving down Main Street when one of the horses fell and expired in a few minutes. Some say the animal fell and broke its neck, others say it must have been a heart attack."

After finishing school, Helen followed in the footsteps of her father and became a teacher. She taught in the Grotto school in 1913.

Helen Benson Blair had undergone several operations in her later life and had only fair health after that.

James Howard Blair was born 25 September 1881 in Sparta and died 25 November 1931 at the John Benson home. Death was due to Bright's disease. He was the son of Catherine (Steele) and Robert John Blair, a farmer.

Catherine Steele was born 11 March 1858 at Steeleville and died 29 April 1930 at Murphysboro, Illinois. She married Robert John Blair 7 December 1880 at Chester, Illinois, the county seat of Randolph County. Mr. Blair was born 5 September 1858 at Blair, Illinois and died 23 May 1905 at Blair, Illinois.

Howard Blair was a locomotives-engineer and fireman on the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad for many years.

Children of (4) Mary Helen Benson⁴⁶ and James Howard Blair.¹³

158ⁱ Rupert Earl Blair (46,13, 5, 1)

Born: 1 May 1921 at Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

Living: 1962

Married: Lillian Frances Lunneman on 2 May 1942 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Children: (6) Earl Francis; Roy Thomas; Terry Joseph; Mary Helen; Jean Theresa; and Lynn Marie Blair.

Earl Blair attended grade school for four years in Murphysboro and then transferred to Concord Rural school south of Sparta for the last four grades. He graduated from the Sparta Township High School in Sparta, Illinois. During World War II he served in the Western Pacific, Ryukus area from 10 November 1942 until December 1945. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Earl worked for the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad as a Locomotive fireman and engineer. He and his family lived in 1958 at 3215 Louisiana, East St. Louis, Illinois but sold the place and bought a home in Collinsville, Illinois, a town east of East St. Louis. They moved to the new place in September of 1958 and were living there in 1961.

Mrs. Torrens, in one of her books, gave Earl's name as "Earl Clifford" Blair. That was incorrect according to written information from both Earl's wife Lillian and his mother Mary Helen (Benson)⁴⁶ Blair.

Lillian Lunneman was born 11 October 1919 at Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, the daughter of John Joseph Lunneman, a farmer. He was born 22 August 1871 at Pinckneyville, Illinois. Her mother was Barbara Theresa Rheinecker, a housewife. She was born 31 January 1876 at Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois.

Earl and Lillian Baird had travelled in various states, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Indiana, Idaho, and Utah.

In answer to Mrs. Blanche (Benson) Proctor's⁵⁷) question regarding names of the children and dates of births, Lillian Blair explained that all six of the children were baptized in the Catholic Church, of which Lillian was a member. When so baptized, it was customary to give the child the name of at least one Saint. This tends to set a good example or model for the child as he grows up. It also tends to discourage nicknames, she said. The following information on the Earl Blair children was sent by Mrs. Earl Blair. She also sent information of her family and herself as well as some of the information about her husband.

Children (6) of Lillian Frances (Lunneman) and Rupert Earl Blair¹⁵⁸.

412ⁱ Earl Francis Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 24 March 1943 at Sparta, Illinois.

Living: Earl Francis was in high school in East Saint Louis, Illinois in 1962.

413ⁱⁱ Roy Thomas Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 13 October 1946 at East Saint Louis, Illinois

Living: Living in 1962 and attending grade school in East Saint Louis, Saint Clair County, Illinois.

414ⁱⁱⁱ Terry Joseph Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1)

Born: 2 February 1948 at East Saint Louis, Saint Clair County, Illinois

Living: He was living in 1962 and attending grade school in East Saint Louis.

415^{iv} Mary Helen Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1)

Born: 7 October 1950 at East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Living: Mary Helen was living in 1962 in East Saint Louis with her parents and attending grade school there.

Mary Helen Blair was the first girl to be born in this branch of the Blair line for a little over 60 years. No wonder she received an especially warm welcome as did her sisters born two and four years later.

416^v Jeane Theresa Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 16 April 1952 at East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Living: Jeane Theresa was living with her parents in 1962, in East Saint Louis.

Children (6) of Lillian Frances (Lunneman) and Rupert Earl Blair¹⁵⁸,
Continued.

417^{vi} Lynn Marie Blair (158, 46, 13, 5, 1)

Born: 17 November 1954 at East Saint Louis, Saint Clair County, Illinois.

Living: Lynn Marie was living with her parents in 1962.

Children (2) of Mary Helen (Benson)⁴⁶ and James Howard Blair, Continued

159ⁱⁱ Robert Laverne Blair (46, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 25 January 1926 at Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 in Cleveland, Ohio

Married: Margaret Egan on 30 December 1953.

Children: (2) Robert "Robbie" Laverne Jr. and Keven James Blair.

Laverne Blair attended schools in Murphysboro and later at the Concord school in Randolph County, Illinois. During World War II, Laverne served in Japan for a year. He was then sent into Korea for part of a year. While in Korea he was injured by a shot in the leg. Chinese troops captured the unit of which Mr. Blair was a member. They notified their captives that they could take only the able-bodied prisoners, the others were to be left. Laverne together with those left behind were stripped of their clothing by the Chinese and left to their fate. Some time later many of those left behind, including Laverne Blair, made their way back to the American lines where they were given emergency treatment and flown back to the United State for medical care.

In 1958 Laverne Blair lived in Cleveland, Ohio with his family and was employed by the Cadillac Motor Company in that city.

Margaret Egan was born 30 September 1934 in Pennsylvania. She was baptized in the Catholic Church.

418ⁱ Robert "Robbie" Laverne Blair Jr. (159, 46, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 12 July 1955

Living: Living in 1962 with his parents.

419ⁱⁱ Kevin James Blair (159, 46, 13, 5, 1)

Born: 16 September 1956

Living: 1962 with his parents.

Children of Margaret (Montgomery) and William John Benson¹³, Continued.

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William "Will" John Benson. (13, 5, 1)

Born: About 1892 near Steeleville, Illinois on the John Benson place.

Died: 6 February 1957 at his home in Evansville, Randolph County, Illinois.
Death was due to a heart attack.

Married: Twice:

First - Miss Anna Krueger on 12 September 1916. (See Randolph County Marriage Record, Randolph County Court House at Chester, Illinois, Book F, Page 117). Divorced

Second- Amelia Kvatochfeld.

Children: By first wife, Anna Krueger Benson: (1) Orville John Benson.

None given for second wife.

Will Benson attended schools in Randolph County. He graduated from high school in Sparta and later taught school in Steeleville.

After his second marriage and until the time of his death, Will Benson was employed as bookkeeper for the International Harvester Company in Evansville, Illinois.

Anna Krueger was born 3 March 1894 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois, the daughter of Minnie (Herschback) and Charles William Krueger. She died Wednesday 12 July 1961 in Chester, after a short illness. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Chester, with the Rev. H. F. Gerecke conducting the services at the Saint John Luthern Church of Chester. Anna Krueger married William John Benson on 12 September 1916.

The following was the record of the marriage of Anna and William Benson as recorded in the Randolph County Court House, Book F, Page 117, 1916.

Full name of groom:	William J. Benson.
Place of residence:	Steeleville, Illinois.
Occupation:	Public school teacher.
Age at next birthday:	24 years.
Place of birth:	Steeleville
Father's name:	John Benson
Mother's maiden name:	Maggie Montgomery.
Full name of bride:	Anna Krueger
Bride's age next birthday	18 years*
Father's name:	Chester W. Krueger.
Mother's Maiden Name:	Minnie Herschback.
Where and when married:	12 September 1916
Witnesses:	Ralph Benson and Edna Ahrens.

* Age must have been incorrect if she was born in 1894 as given in obituary.

Following the death of Anna Krueger Benson, the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 20 July 1961 carried the following article:

Mother of Orville J. Benson Dies

Mrs. Anna Benson, 67, mother of Orville Benson, proprietor of Benson Men's Stores in Sparta and Chester, died Wednesday, July 12th, after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. F. Gerecke at the Saint John's Luthern Church in Chester last Friday afternoon. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Chester.

Mrs. Benson was born at Chester on March 3, 1894, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Krueger. She married September 12, 1915* to William Benson, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include son, Orville J. Benson of Sparta; three sisters, Mrs. Ada Oliver of Steeleville; and Mrs. Elizabeth Bueckman and Mrs. Emma Lockhead of Chester; two brothers, Edward Krueger of Chester and John Krueger of St. Louis; and one grandchild."

* Marriage record showed 1916.

Nothing was learned of Amelia Kvatochfeld except that she was of Polish descent. She and Will Benson were married after he and Anna, his first wife, were divorced. It was not known if there were children by this second marriage.

Child of Anna (Krueger) and William John Benson⁴⁷.

160ⁱ Orville J. (ohn) Benson (47, 13, 5, 1)

Born: About 1918 in Steeleville, Illinois. (Relatives said he was about 40 years old in 1958).

Living: Living in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois in January 1962.

Married: Shirley Kraft

Children: (1) Barbara Ann Benson.

Orville J. Benson was born in Randolph County where he received his education. He had operated two men's stores, one in Sparta and one in Chester for many years. His ad in the Sparta News-Plaindealer called him "Randolph County's leading clothier".

Mr. Benson was a member of the Sparta Rotary Club, a men's service group. He served on various committees for the group. In February 1958 Orville was called for Grand Jury duty but it was not known if he served. In 1961 a clerk whom Mr. Benson found necessary to fire brought charges against his former employer. In 1962 the case was dropped with the man having to pay court charges, according to articles in the Sparta News-Plaindealer.

Mrs. Orville J. Benson (Shirley Kraft) was pledged to the Delta Theta Tau sorority in October 1961 and later initiated. The group, an active service club for women had many worth while community projects in which Mrs. Benson took an active part.

Child of Shirley (Kraft) and Orville J. Benson¹⁶⁰.

420ⁱ Barbara Ann Benson (160, 47, 13, 5, 1)

Born: Probably between 1944 and 1945. 1949.

Living: Living in Sparta with her parents in 1962.

Barbara Ann Benson attended grade and high school in Sparta. In 1962 one Barbara Benson graduated from Sparta Township High School but she was not the Barbara of this outline.

Under the date of 8 March 1962, Sparta News-Plaindealer, Society notes Miss Kim Rochell Kelly was listed as having a birthday party. Barbara Benson was among those attending.

Children of Margaret (Montgomery) and Wm. John Benson,¹³ Continued.

48ⁱⁱⁱ David Ralph Benson (13, 5, 1)

Born: 24 August 1897 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: January 1962 at his home 227 North Vine Street, Sparta, Illinois.

Married: Twice:

First - Lucinda "Lulu" Clair McIntyre on 16 September 1919, Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Second - Mrs. Mary Hollis (Wilson) Martin on 7 July 1960 at the Methodist Church manse in Homer, Champaign County, Illinois.

Children: One child, Clifford Warren Benson by first wife.

No children by second wife. There were three step-children.

David Ralph Benson attended Concord Grade School and the Steeleville High School. After finishing high school he worked for a time as a farmer. He later worked for twenty years as a hoisting engineer for the Moffat Coal Company. In 1945 he was employed by the Illinois Power Company as a driver for one of the cars used by the line crew. Ralph together with others were honored by the Company in 1960 for having completed fifteen years of service. Their picture appeared as a group in the Sparta News-Plaindealer. In September 1962 Mr. Benson retired after completing seventeen years of service with the Illinois Power Company. The 13 September 1962 issue of the Sparta News - Plaindealer carried the following story:

"D. R. Benson of Sparta, employed by the Illinois Power Co. since 4 April 1945, retired 1 September 1962 after working in the Sparta Service area of the Power Company for 17 years. "Prior to coming to work for Illinois Power Company Mr. Benson was employed for 19 years as a hoisting engineer for the Moffet Coal Company.

"Mr. Benson's employment with the Power Company was as a truck driver on the overhead lines department, where he worked for 17 years without a loss of time accident. He has no definite plans for the future, but hopes to devote more time to his hobby of gardening".

The 20 September 1962 issue of the Sparta News-Plaindealer carried a large picture of D. R. Benson receiving a monetary gift from the employees of the Company. Mr. A. R. Cairns, Service Area manager, made the presentation to Mr. Benson.

Although raised in the Union United Presbyterian Church, Ralph Benson and his first wife attended first the Union United then later the United Presbyterian Church in Sparta. He and his second wife attended the Reform Presbyterian Church there.

In place of a photostatic copy of the marriage record of David Ralph Benson and his first wife, Lucinda C. McIntyre, the following typed copy was made of the record. It is from the Randolph County Marriage Recrod Book F, page 168, on file in the County Court House in Chester, Illinois.

Name of groom:	Ralph D. Benson *
Residence of the groom:	Steeleville, Illinois
Occupation of the groom:	Farmer
Age of the groom at next birthday	23 years
Father of the groom:	John B. Benson **
Mother's maiden name:	Maggie Montgomery
Name of the bride:	Lucinda C. McIntyre
Age of the bride at next birthday:	23 years
Name of the bride's father:	Daniel McIntyre
Maiden name of bride's mother:	Bell McConachie ***
Witnesses:	Viola Conn, Laura Conn
Minister:	Rev. David A. Conn

* Should be D. Ralph Benson.

** Should be Wm. John Benson.

*** Should be Emma Belle as Bel was a nickname.

Lucinda "Lula" Claire McIntyre was born 24 December 1896 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. She died Tuesday morning, 22 September 1959 in Sparta Community Hospital following what appeared to be a light stroke suffered on the 13th of September. At that time only a numbness in her left hand was noticed. Gradually the numbness spread through the entire left side of the body. Her speech was not effected however. The funeral was held at the Lynn Funeral Home on the Following Thursday, 24 September 1959. The Rev. Wm. H. Hughes and Rev. Robert W. Stewart of the Sparta United Presbyterian Church and the Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church respectfully conducted the services. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta.

At the time of the stroke, Lula and her husband were planning to leave shortly on a vacation trip through Kansas, Colorado and on to Oakland, California where an aunt of Mrs. Benson's, Bertha Mae (McIntyre) Kite lived. Mrs. Kite was a sister of Lula's father and although 82 years of age in 1962, she returned to Sparta by car for a visit with relatives and friends.

Lula McIntyre attended grade school in Sparta and graduated from the Sparta High School. As her parents were divorced and her mother had remarried, Lula spent much of her childhood with her maternal grandparents, David and Lucinda (Steele) McConachie. She said for that reason she knew little of her McIntyre relatives until she was older.

The McConachies were of Scotch-Irish ancestry, having left Scotland for County Antrim, North Ireland to avoid persecution there. Many of the older members of the McConachie families claimed that the family name was originally "Campbell" but on reaching County Antrim, the name was changed to "McConachie" as there were so many Campbells already in North Ireland. There were several different McConachie families in County Antrim who immigrated to America and to Randolph County, Illinois. They all seemed to have been related in some way in the earlier generations.

David McConachie, Lula's grandfather, was born in November 1838 or 1837 in County Antrim, North Ireland and died 29 January 1916 in Sparta, Illinois and was buried in Sparta. He immigrated to America and Randolph County with his father about 1858. He married Lucinda Steele in Randolph County in 1873. She was the daughter of Nancy (Morrison) and Rilen Steele also of County Antrim, North Ireland. She died in 1930 in Sparta and was buried there.

David and Lucinda McConachie had four children, all born in Randolph County. They were Robert Henry, Emma Belle (Lula's mother), David Rilen and Nancy Jane McConachie.

David's father was Robert McConachie, born 1810 in County Antrim and died 1879 in Randolph County, Illinois. He married Jane McConachie in 1830 in County Antrim. She was the daughter of Martha (Steele) and John McConachie of County Antrim. Robert McConachie and his family came to Illinois in 1858. He was a Republican and a member of the Covenanters Church. He and his wife had five children.

The father of Robert McConachie was David McConachie who was also born in County Antrim. He lived there, married Jennie Chestnut and they raised their children there. He died when he was 94 years old and was buried in County Antrim. His wife Jennie was the daughter of Samuel and Anna (Leitrem) Chestnut. Samuel was an officer in the British Army and Anna was the daughter of the Earl of Leitrem. Both were of Scottish ancestry. (Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Perry and Jackson Counties. Page 365).

Emma Belle "Bel" McConachie, mother of Lucinda "Lula" McIntyre, was born 29 December 1875 in Sparta, Illinois. She died 3 March 1927 in Sparta and was buried there. She married first Daniel Neal McIntyre on 9 April 1896. The Rev. John A. Henderson of the United Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony. (Randolph County Marriage Record Book E, page 24 on file in the County Court House in Chester.)

One child, Lucinda, was born to the couple before they were divorced and spent much of her childhood with the senior McConachies. Belle married secondly Edward Gaston of Sparta. A son Steele Gaston was born to the couple. Steele Gaston served on the Sparta Grade School Board on 1936 and 1937.

Daniel Neal McIntyre was born 12 October 1871 in Sparta and died 18 January 1918. He was buried in Sparta. He married twice after his divorce from Belle McConachie McIntyre. He married second Mary Ellen Wilson, daughter of John and Amanda () Wilson 23 October 1901. They had three children, Amanda Mae, Harry and Edward Adam, before divorcing. Amanda Mae McIntyre graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree as a dietitian. She became a dietitian at a Los Angeles, California hospital. While she was there she was called on to plan diets for Jean Harlow, the famed platinum blond movie star of the 1920's.

Both Harry and Edward legally changed their last name to Wilson, their mother's maiden name.

Daniel Neal McIntyre married third Mrs. Ida Belton Sweat, a widow. Two children were born, Daniel and James Smiley McIntyre. After the death of her husband, Ida McIntyre gave the two little boys out for adoption.

Alexander McIntyre, born 1 May 1844 in Knockavellon, County Antrim, Northern Ireland was Daniel Neal's father. He died 15 May 1886 on his farm near Sparta, Illinois when he was struck by lightning. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery. He married Anna Gilmore on 27 May 1869 in County Antrim. She was born 31 December 1847 in County Antrim and died 26 September 1893 at Anna, Illinois. Six children, Sarah Ann, Daniel Neal, Joseph Gilmore (died as a baby), Morriah Margaret (died as a baby), Alexander Smiley and Bertha Mae. Alexander and Anna McIntyre immigrated to America after the birth of the first child and settled on a farm near Sparta.

Neal McIntyre was the father of Alexander. He was born about 1800 in Knockavallon, Derrykeighan parish, Ballymoney registration, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He died 20 or 15 September 1870 near Sparta, Illinois. He married Margaret McConachie in County Antrim. She was born about 1805 and died 2 July 1894 near Sparta. She was the daughter of John McConachie and Martha Steele McConachie. Eleven children were born to them - John, Nancy, Peggy Jane (died as a baby), Neal, Daniel, James, Robert, David, Alexander, William, Samuel McIntyre. More of the families of some of these children will be found in Allied families - McIntyre. They immigrated to Illinois after their children were already in America.

The father of Neal McIntyre was also Neal McIntyre who was born about 1791 in County Antrim. When he was 20 he leased land in Knockvallon, Parish Ramon according to the Comac notes on file in the Ulster-Scot Historical Society, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Miss I. Embleton, Secretary, sent the information.

Father of the above Neal McIntyre was a Neal McIntyre, born 1700 in County Antrim. Little was learned of his family. The early McIntyres or Macintaires or Macintair were known to be Reformed or Covenanters Presbyterians from Scotland.

Lucinda "Lula" Benson was an active member of her church in Sparta. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society of which she served as treasurer for 8 years. In addition she was a member of the Sparta Day Home Bureau.

David Ralph Benson married second Mrs. Mary Hollis Wilson Martin on 7 July 1960. The Sparta News-Plaindealer of 21 July 1960, carried the following article of the wedding:

"Mrs. Hollis Martin - Ralph Benson wed.

"Mrs. Mary Hollis Martin and David Ralph Benson were united in marriage Thursday evening, July 7th at 8 o'clock by Rev. William John Edmunds, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Homer, Illinois. The ceremony took place in the church manse at Homer. The bride is a former member of Rev. Edmunds' congregation.

"The couple was attended by the groom's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benson of El Paso, Illinois.

"Following the ceremony, the wedding party was served a supper in Champaign, which also was in honor of Clifford Benson's birthday.

"The bride is a daughter of Martin Wilson of Sparta. The groom is employed by the Illinois Power Company here. They will make their home at the groom's property on North Vine street."

Mary Hollis Wilson was born 1 February 1908 in Sparta, Illinois and was living there in November 1962. She was the daughter of Emma (Dickey) and Martin Patton Wilson of Sparta. Hollis attended Sparta Grade School and Sparta High School. She married first Harvey Harold Martin on 24 July 1930 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was born 20 November 1906 and died 28 January 1956 in Sparta. Death was due to an accidental gun shot wound inflicted as he picked up the gun to clean it after a hunting trip. He was buried in the Caledonia Cemetery there. Harold was the son of Silas and Emma Jane Martin and had been active in all Community and charitable activities. He was a past president of Rotary of Sparta. He and Hollis had four children. (See Martin family outline).

Hollis Benson was active in her church, in PTA and in the Room Mothers group of the Sparta grade school. She was a member of DAR and had also done a great deal of research on her ancestors. Much of the following outline was loaned to the writers by Mrs. Benson. Her assistance was greatly appreciated.

James Wilson and some of his descendants.

1st generation:

James Wilson

Born: 19 May 1763 in Ireland. Died, 1843, age 80 years.

Married: Jenny Martin in South Carolina. She was born 25 March 1766, the daughter of Rev. William Martin. She died 1841, age 75 years.

James Wilson and some of his descendants, continued.

Children: (9) John, born 7 December, 1787; Jean, born 14 September 1799; twins Martin and James, born 2 July 1801; Sarah born 2 May 1803; Henry Clark, born 1807 or 1808, died 1846; Leah, Rachel and Mary were born but no dates were given.

The Wilson family moved from Vincennes, Indiana to Illinois in 1818 or 1819.

2nd generation

Martin Wilson (a twin of James)

Born: 1801 in South Carolina

Died: 1850 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Jane Rosenborough or Burnside (both names had been given).

Children: (5) Matilda Hyndman, born 1824; William Henry born, 1836; Jane Clark; James and Mary Elizabeth Wilson.

3rd generation

William Henry Wilson

Born: 1836,

Died: 1922

Married: Margaret Jane Miller 1861.

Children: (9) Twins Emma and Fanie, born 27 November 1861, Emma died 25 Sept. 1937 and Jan 12 October 1924; James William, born 31 October 1863, died, 28 November 1938; Tillie born 16 December 1865, died 28 April 1936; Joseph Albert, born 27 November 1867, died 3 October 1937; W. Miller, born 22 February 1870, died 15 June 1949; Mary Elizabeth, born 26 December 1872, died 16 March 1883; Anna born 3 May 1878, died 19 July 1950 and Martin Patton Wilson.

4th generation

Martin Patton Wilson.

Born: 4 August 1880 in Randolph County, Illinois; living there in November 1962.

Married: Emma Dickey on 19 April 1905. She was born 28 December 1878 and died August 1949 in Sparta; buried in Caledonia cemetery.

Martin Patton Wilson, continued.

Children: (6) were born to Emma and Martin; Margaret Lyle, born 13 March 1906, living November 1962; married twice, first, Otis Baird on 23 October 1924. One child was born, Bertram. Married second Charles Hamilton in 1944. Mary Hollis; Bertha Elizabeth born 18 June 1910; William Harry born 19 February 1912; Emma Ruth born 21 January 1919 and Martha Jane Wilson born 23 February 1921.

The known ancestors of Emma Dickey began with a Mr. Dickey whose first name was not known by descendants. He was a native of South Carolina. His ancestors came to America from Ireland. He served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, serving first his own term then serving his brother's term. He would not accept his pension, saying that he fought for the liberty of his country. The pension would still go to his descendants if they could prove their relationship.

The son of Mr. Dickey, Alexander Dickey was born in 1795 in South Carolina and died in Sparta, Illinois in 1860. He married Margaret Hayer or Hair as it was sometimes spelled, 4 May 1825 and though her birthdate was not given, she died 6 August 1868 in Randolph County, Illinois. She had been born in South Carolina it was believed.

Alex Dickey not liking the system of human bondage, moved to the Northwestern Territory about 1818 when he was about 23 years of age. He was accompanied by two Smith brothers, John and James, and by James, John, Arthur, Alexander, Margaret (whom he later married) Jane and Rachel Hair (or Hayer). The group settled in Randolph County Illinois in 1818. After Alex Dickey and Margaret Hayer were married they settled on a large acreage of land in Townships 4 and 5. Their land covered most of Sections 32, 33, and 34. Alex served in the war of 1812. Six children were born to the couple. They were; in addition to James Hayer and his brother William, who operated an agricultural and farm equipment business, Sarah who married Thomas Sproul and Rachel who married James Sproul, Margaret who married John McNight and Eliza J. Dickey who died at maturity.

The son, James Hayer Dickey was born 1 May 1836 in Randolph County and died there 25 February 1920. He married Margaret Martha Lyle on 24 January 1860. She was born 12 June 1842 in Ireland and died 30 March 1925 in Sparta, Illinois.

When Margaret Lyle's father came to America, he brought Margaret and three other children with him. His wife had died before he left Ireland (or Northern Ireland). Hayer Dickey settled first in Sparta then moved to Kansas then back to Sparta where he remained the rest of his life. Several children were born to James Hayer and Margaret (Lyle) Dickey. Among them was Emma Dickey.

5th generation

Mary Hollis Wilson and her first husband Harvey Harold Martin, had four children, Mary Frances; James Wilson; Emma Jane and Harold Rickie Martin. There were no children by her second husband, David Ralph Benson⁴⁸.

6th generation:

Mary Frances Martin, born 28 March 1933 and died 29 March 1933.

6th generation

James Wilson Martin, born 16 December 1937 and living in November 1962 with his family in Vicksburg, Miss. He had been employed by a Color Photography Shop in Saint Louis until October 1962. At that time the company expanded and made Vicksburg its headquarters. He married Marian Pope who was born 10 October 1940. One child.

7th generation

Baby Martin.

6th generation

Emma Jane Martin, born 13 May 1940 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Living in 1962 in Saint Louis. Married Bennie Willis Severs who was born 24 August 1939 and was living 1962 in Saint Louis with his wife and their two children.

7th generation

Jarold Willis Severs, born 13 August 1959 and living 1962.

7th generation

Michael David Severs born 6 June 1961 and living 1962.

6th generation:

Harold Rickie Martin, born 26 December 1954 in Decatur, Illinois. He was living with his mother and step-father in 1962 and attended Sparta elementary school. He was in the upper third of his class, and a member of the Junior Choir of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was a fine youngster and had many interests.

In November Ralph Benson wrote that even though he was retired he seemed to be busier than ever. He repainted his house and had reset many of his plants and flowers. He had also helped his brother Walter⁴⁹ remodel his house.

Hollis Benson was an active member of her church, the Reformed Presbyterian, and a member of DAR. She was active in the grade school PTA and was a member of the Room Mothers group. Hollis and Ralph had established a very happy home and one in which all the children felt a warm and welcome part.

Child of Lucinda C. Lula (McIntyre) and David Ralph Benson⁴⁸

162ⁱ Clifford Warren Benson (48, 13, 5, 1).

Born: 7 July 1920 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: January 1962 in El Paso, Illinois.

Child of Lucinda C. Lula (McIntyre) and David Ralph Benson⁴⁸, Cont.

Married: Doris Jane Marshall on 14 October 1946 in Marissa, Illinois.

Children: None in January 1962. Several infants were born dead.

Clifford Benson attended schools in Sparta, graduating from the Sparta Township High School in the class of 1938. He attended Illinois University, at Champaign, for one year and St. Louis University for 2 years, until World War II interrupted his studies. Young Benson spent his three years in service in the Medical Corps, serving in England and in France. He was in the group that entered France on D-Day plus three.

On returning from service, Clifford was employed as a bookkeeper for the Moffat Coal Company in Sparta for a number of years. In the meantime he had married Doris Jane Marshall. The two decided to go into business for themselves, and opened a Western Auto Store in El Paso, Illinois, a town some 210 miles from Sparta. They owned and operated the store themselves.

In addition to his church, the United Federated Church, Clifford Benson was a member of the Masonic Lodge number 246, of El Paso, Illinois.

Doris Jane Marshall was the daughter of Mary "Mae" (Hamil) and James R. Marshall who lived in Marissa, Illinois. Doris was born in Marissa 10 January 1923. Mary Hamil was a school teacher and after the death of her husband, returned to teaching. She lived with a sister, Blanche Hamil there in 1962. She and her sister were active in Church, the United Presbyterian, school and club activities as well as Eastern Star. James R. Marshall was killed in 1923 in a mine accident when he accidentally stepped into an open elevator shaft.

Doris Marshall graduated from Marissa High School and Monmouth College where she majored in English. In addition to helping her husband in the store, Doris taught English in the El Paso, Illinois high school and for two years, 1960-61 and 1961-62, taught English and math. in Chenoa, Illinois high school.

On 5 July, 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benson, members of the graduating class of 1938 of the Sparta Township High School attended the first reunion of their class. It was held at the Belvidere Night Club at Steeleville Wye, according to the Sparta News-Plaindealer of 10 July 1958.

Children of Margaret (Montgomery) and Wm. John Benson¹³, Continued.

^{49iv} Walter E. Benson (13, 5, 1).

Born: 14 November 1900 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: Living January 1962 on his father's farm with his sister, Mary Helen (Benson) Blair⁴⁶.

Unmarried: in January 1962.

Walter E. Benson attended the Concord Rural school and later the Sparta High School (or the Sparta Township High School). He was raised in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of which he was a member. He was active in the farm community activities of the Central - Sparta district. Walter was elected Chairman - Delegate for the Central - Sparta district to serve for the

1959 program year and was a delegate to the County Convention held 23 July 1958. At the County Convention, the delegates were elected for the County Agricultural Soil Conservation Committee (A.C.D.) to serve for the coming year. According to the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 20 July 1961, Walter Benson was elected 3rd alternate for the Central - Sparta community for the A.C.S. for 1962.

Mr. Benson farmed his father's home place near Steeleville for many years. The farm was almost equal distance from Sparta and Steeleville. On October 1956 he lost a hand and part of an arm in a cornpicker accident. His sister, Helen Blair⁴⁶, made her home with him for a number of years.

Mrs. Torrens in her book of Randolph County biographies, lists this Walter E. Benson as married and the father of three children. This was incorrect as Walter himself said. The family, Helen⁴⁶, and Ralph⁴⁸, also vouched for him being unmarried.

Children of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson Sr., Con.

14ⁱⁱ Lewis Alonzo Benson, II (5, 1)

Born: 25 June, 1864 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois

Died: 22 January, 1942 in Clay Center, Kansas of a heart attack and was buried there.

Married: Jane "Jennie" Elizabeth Magonigle on 28 April, 1898 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Jane(O'Connor) and Patrick Magonigle who lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (see Allied Families, p. 315). She was Born: 2 December 1870 in Philadelpha, Pennsylvania and died 28 May, 1954 in Clay Center, Kansas and is buried there in the Republican City Cemetery.

Children: (3) Ruth Benson, Arthur Wallace Benson and Gladys Benson.

The authors of this outline remember Lewis Alonzo Benson as a very sincere man but also one who was witty, always ready with a story for any occasion.

The following was written by his daughter, Ruth (Benson) Vaughan:

L. A. Benson received his early education in Sparta, Illinois, first at home where he and three of his brothers were taught by their mother, then at Concord School, later graduating from the Sparta High School in 1886. After teaching a number of years, he entered Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. He graduated from Blackburn in 1894 and in the fall of the same year entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, which was then located in Philadelphia. He graduated from this seminary in the year 1898. Several of the Benson boys attended Blackburn College. They did their own cooking and lived in a little shed-like house while attending school at Blackburn. Recollection of the number of the Benson boys that went to Blackburn is not positive. One dropped out and "I think", said Ruth Benson Vaughan, "it was James and Samuel and Alonzo that finished" there, but definitely they wanted an education to live and study under the conditions that they had.

In June of 1923, Cedarville College of Cedarville, Ohio, granted Alonzo the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Alonzo was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on 22 November, 1898, and served in the following fields: Minneapolis, Minnesota; Elgin, Illinois; The Sixth Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. (He served at the first two during vacations. He was at the Philadelphia Church at the time of his marriage.) He also served Idaville, Indiana and Cutler, Illinois. He was called to the Republican City Reformed Presbyterian Church in Clay Center, Kansas in 1904. He was officially installed there in April, 1904. from 1924 he served the United Presbyterian Churches in Idana, Kansas and the Four Mile U. P. Church of Clay Center, Kansas in addition to his own pastorate. He continued the pastorates at Four Mile and Republican City until the time of his death in 1942. He preached at Republican City from the summer of 1904 until January, 1942, 37½ years.

During Alonzo's best years he had the opportunity, on several occasions to go to large churches in the East. His excuse for not accepting them, nor the California offer, was that he was of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the churches wanting him were Presbyterian. Perhaps the real reason for his staying in Clay Center when he could have bettered himself elsewhere was a sense of duty, coupled with a deep affection for the people in that territory. It was surprising, after his death, to see that so many far-spread papers and publications carried his death notice and tributes to him.

The first year in Clay Center, residence was in town, while the congregation built the Republic City Manse on a five-acre tract. Here he planted trees, built a chicken house, barn and sheds and planted a big garden every year. He bought some farm land in later years, but he never farmed it. It was rented. He was a farmer at heart, in many ways, and on many occasions worked for someone when there was an emergency, usually at night in the moonlight, when some crop was in danger of ruin from rain or some other catastrophe. For this he refused any pay, a labor of love. During World War I he did a lot of work in the harvest due to a lack of man power at that time. He seemed to enjoy hard work, whether it was of a physical or a mental nature.

ARTICLES FROM THE CENTENNIAL EDITION

REV. BENSON THANKFUL FOR GODLY MEN SPARTA HAS SENT TO MINISTRY

Pastor of Clay Center, Kansas Church

Values Highly the Memories of Early Life Here

"The News-Plaindealer:

"I am in receipt of a postal card from Rev. John Hunter, which invites me to write something for your 'Wanderers Edition', which is announced to appear at some time in the future.

I gladly grant this request, not because I flatter myself as being able to say anything of special interest, but because there is still and ever will be a strong PULL upon my heart for old Sparta and the fine people who made that place something worth remembering.

I have frequently been congratulated upon having a good memory, but my arrival in Sparta has become very indistinct. I cannot recall it. I can remember the paregoric and a little dress which I wore. I recall with pleasure the old Concord School, and the teachers, among whom were James Patton, Nannie Garvin, Hugh Nisbet, Jennie Sprecher, John Munford, Dan Orr, W. G. Cathcart, etc. Among the families I am yet often thinking of the Morrisons, the Wilsons, the Blairs, Gibsons, Gastons, Ervins, Kitchens, McIntyres, Hughes, Howies, Maxwells, Pillers, Temples, Bairds, etc. I wonder if any school has as many good times, and as many precious memories. Many stories of those days come forward for mention, but space will not permit.

Once I was really scared. James Patton was the teacher, and we felt that the "Old Lights" took their religion 'with the bristles on'. Patton was an 'Old Light'. Charles Pillers had snatched Brother Jim's hat and ran off with it. It was fun of course but I thought it in earnest, and that as a big brother it was up to me to come to the rescue. I went after Charlie with something of energy and indignation. The next thing I knew James Patton was jerking me with his right hand and Charlie with his left hand. Having roughly seated us in the school-house, he turned to James Pillers and said, "James, you go down to the branch and bring me some rods". There was a nice thicket of young growth sprouts down there. But I misunderstood the word; I thought Patton said 'Bring me some rocks', and just then I remembered that father, reading in family worship that morning, read where it said that disobedient children should be stoned with stones until they died. It did not make me feel any better to remember that Jimmy Patton was an 'Old Light'. But it sure did make me feel good to see Jim Pillers enter the school-house with a handful of switches. That's the only time I recall being glad to see switches brought in.

Wrote Notes to Girls

How I'd love to meet the dear boys and dearer girls of those happy days. I recall how we used to slide on the ice and ruin our shoes, and how glad I was if sometimes I could help Annie Ervin or Nellie Gordon, or Mary Campbell, or Nellie Stevenson, or Martha Blair. I remember writing a sweet little note to one of those girls (I'll not say which one). I also remember the ugly face she made at me when she read it; I felt quite a sinking sensation. But sometimes I have felt that her taste or judgment may not have been so bad after all.

Then there were the high school memories. My father had a feeling that he would make a preacher out of John, and then, liking the idea, he also decided to educate James for the ministry. James was small, so as I was rather husky he felt that I would fit in better for farm work. I never lost the impression which I received the night John and James graduated from high school. In their class was Alice Gillespie, Alice Pinkerton, Alice Proudfit and Mattie Borders; also Elmer Beattie. The Brown brothers sang and Dr. S. W. Marshall delivered the diplomas. Before it was over I had vowed that if I did not get to enter school before I was of age, I'd do it afterwards, but mother and John pleading for me, I got to enter school next fall.

I have been in many colleges and seminaries since then. I have been well acquainted in a number of high schools, but I am still looking back to S. B. Hood as the great inspiration and one of the best teachers I ever knew. I hold in precious memories J. C. Burns, Miss Hattie N. Sawyer and J. M. Nichols. I'll never be able to make adequate return to these faithful teachers.

Early Literary Society

I remember our high school literary and I recall Finley Pinkerton's fastening a tuft of fur on a shot and flipping it under the seats where Maggie Dickey sat with other girls, remarking just at the right moment, 'Maggie, I saw a mouse down there'. In a minute seven girls were on the desks screaming, and Pinkerton was having one of his best laughs. There was Charles Lott and 'Wash' Borders and Tom Brown and Willis and Elmer McKelvey, Katie and Irene Holmes, W.C.T. Moore (we generally called him W.C.T.U. Moore). There was 'French' Allen, Ella Frazer, Sadie Hood, Etta Miles, Jennie Lynn, Jennie Ardrey -- Oh, I see them yet as they used to throng into the school-room; Will Taylor, Will Moore, Ida Dickey, Herbert Beattie--but what's the use? You cannot wait while I name them all and besides these names have not the meaning to you; they are blanks to many readers, but how they thrill in memory's halls with me. I remember one night an attempt to serenade some young ladies who roomed with the Charles Miller family -- someone surprised us, and maybe we did not run! I've always felt more efficient with my feet than with my vocal chords. Ask Henry Dickey to tell you about this adventure.

Remembers Old Doctors

Sparta had her share of eminent educators, and she has had excellent doctors. I recall Drs. Burgess, Booth and Guthrie -- can see their faces yet. When Dr. Boynton, Sr., came, it seemed like an intrusion. Didn't Sparta have all it needed in medical skill? But it was not long before we all agreed that Dr. Boynton's 'gift had made room for him'. There were also Drs. J. W. Weir and S. W. Marshall. I'll never forget how faithful and kind Marshall was when I lay sick for 13 weeks at Hugh Nesbit's. I'll never cease to feel a debt of obligation to the Nesbit's for their care. I am persuaded that Sparta keeps well in the front in her doctors of this day.

Then I remember the business men, and I recall them with affection -- Barker, John Boyle, John McMaster, John Allen, John Watson, Robert Allen, Finley Caruthers, Borders, McClurken, William Chambers, Aaron Allen, Mr. Frazier, the Leniers, Minners, Snyder, Taylor brothers, Sam McHenry, the Sprouls, Jim H. Dickey, John Clendenin, Sam Neil, etc. How well do I remember that fine class of splendid men.

Nor am I ashamed to make mention of the men who served in holy things, for I am certain that Sparta owes something to the ministers of Christ who have followed a good conscience in His service. These in the various churches I recall as an inspiration; Allison, Thomas E. Greene, William E. Parsons, McClelland, Henderson, McGary, Montgomery. While there would be frequent changes in other churches, D. S. Faris of the 'Old Light' church and W. J. Smiley of the 'New Light' church, like Tennyson's brook, went 'on forever'. There never was a change of preacher in either of those churches while I was yet in that community. If I recall correctly, D. S. Faris was pastor of 48 years, and Rev. W. J. Smiley completed his half century of a pastorate. I am sure that many living in Randolph County all their lives have no conception of the service rendered by these men. But when the history of dear old Sparta is fully written I am certain that few if any will stand higher on the score of

lifting for better things than these I've named. There are thousands of men and women who grew up in Sparta; many have wandered far away, but deep in their hearts they have the conviction that God appeared to them in the persons of some of these, His servants.

We Bless God for Sparta and what it has given to us through its real men and women. A glance over the past makes us feel a debt and also gives an incentive and a new energy with which to face the future.

A Clay Center 25 Years

In November, if spared, I will preach the 25th anniversary of my pastorate here in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, Kansas. It is not a large church, nor could I say that it is popular. I have seen several persons start out to 'seek great things for themselves', but even if they win, I can't believe that it pays. If I tell the plain, unvarnished truth about myself, I must say that I am not the same kind of a Reformed Presbyterian that I once was. I am now ready to concede that a United Presbyterian, a Presbyterian, a Baptist or a Methodist has the same chance to be saved that I have. I am, however -- I say it humbly and thankfully -- much more of a Christian than in those boyhood days and I feel so much more interest in the salvation, not only of Reformed Presbyterians, but of everybody.

It has been my good fortune to be in Sparta almost once each year, sometimes more frequently. For years I always dropped into Barker's Drug Store and Bert and myself have had joy in talking over the memories of other days.

I'd love to take a month's vacation and spend it in Randolph County, but how many of those I would like to visit have been called to the heavenly home, and when your call comes, if you can say that you have conscientiously endeavored to lift for the very best things to the greatest number, that will be more satisfying to your soul than the crowns or wealth which this earth can give.

Sincerely,

(s) L. A. Benson, Clay Center, Kansas"

In 1960 Mrs. Anna (Wilson) McIntyre loaned the writer a book published in memory of James Lyons Chestnut D.D. The book was entitled "In Memoriam" - James Lyons Chestnut D.D. It was a collection of facts and articles written by other ministers in appreciation of the work in Church done by Rev. Chestnut. The forward of the collection was written by the Rev. Dr. L. A. Benson.

Dr. Chestnut was raised in County Antrim, North Ireland and was well known by the older McIntyres who were from the same county. He performed the marriage ceremony for the father and mother of Mrs. Anna McIntyre.

Children (3) of Jane Elizabeth "Jennie" (Magonigle) and Lewis Lewis Alonzo Benson¹⁴.

50ⁱ Ruth Benson (14, 5, 1).

Born: 10 July 1899 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Living: January 1962 at 416 South Franklin Street, Denver 9, Colorado

Married: James McKinley Vaughan on 20 April 1923 at Barnhurst, Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Children: (3) James Stanley; Jane Alice; and Sherrill "Sherry" Ruth Vaughan.

Ruth Benson moved to Clay Center, Kansas with her parents, where she attended and graduated from the Clay County High School in 1917. She worked for the County News-a-er in Clay Center, Kansas for several years. Later she came to Colorado where she spent some time with her Aunt Margaret (McIntyre) Benson. She later worked for the Motor Publishing Company in Denver.

In 1958 Ruth underwent operations for cataracts on her eyes. In 1960 she again underwent ^{went}major surgery. At that time her younger daughter returned from Newfoundland to assist her mother and father.

James "Jim" McKinley Vaughan, husband of Ruth Benson⁵⁰ was born 6 February 1901 on Pecan Island, Louisiana, the son of Columbus W. and Emma (Moore) Vaughan. He attended grammar school and high school in Lake Arthur, Louisiana. He "did a stretch in the navy". Later he took training at Colorado Agriculture College, now Colorado State University, at Fort Collins, Colorado. While there he went into Battery work. Later he managed a shop in Topeka, Kansas and for two years was with the L. P. Perkins shop in Denver, Colorado. He then entered the Post Office service in Denver from which he retired in 1960. He began work for the Colorado National Bank of Denver in 1960 and was still employed there in 1962.

The Vaughans lived for over 20 years on Cherokee Street in South Denver before they moved to the Franklin Street address.

Jim's father lived in Denver, alone, for many years. In 1959, he was 94 years of age.

Children (3) of Ruth (Benson)⁵⁰ and James McKinley Vaughan

163ⁱ James Stanley Vaughan (50, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 27 September 1925 in Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas

Living: January 1962 in Denver with his wife

Married: Germaine De Witte on 20 May 1946 in Stekne, Belgium.

Children: None in January 1962.

Stanley Vaughan attended grade school in Denver and graduated from the South Denver High School there in 1943.. His specialty was music and he studied with private tutors.. Later he played the trumpet with name bands, doing a tour with the James Band.

He joined the U.S. Army in February 1944 and was discharged in July 1946. He was with a group of engineers who met the Russians at the Elbe River at the last of the war. He had about one year and 10 months overseas. In 1958 he and his wife lived (on Hudson ?) in Denver where he was a Post Office Clerk at the University Branch office. His wife worked at the Denver Dry Goods Co.

Germaine DeWitte was born in Stekne on 10 December 1925, the daughter of Cyrile and Eleese DeWitte of Stekne, Belgium. Germaine worked with the Belgium Underground during World War II, just as her mother had done in World War I. In 1959 her father visited her in Denver, traveling by plane from Belgium. Although he could understand little English, he enjoyed his trip.

Children (3) of Ruth (Benson)⁵⁰ and James McKinley Vaughan, Continued.

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164 Jane Alice Vaughan (50, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 10 March 1931 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado

Living: January 1962 with her husband and child

Married: James Douglas Carroll on 28 July 1952 in San Rafael, Marin County, California.

Children: (3) Cathleen "Cindy"; Thomas James; and Linda Christine Carrol.

Jane Vaughan finished grade school and graduated from South High School in Denver, Colorado. She graduated there in 1948. Joining the Women's Army Corps on the 13 September 1949, she took her training at Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois. She completed courses in teletype and cryptography.

James Carroll, whom she married in California was born in Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee on 8 March 1930. He was the son of James H. and Elizabeth Carroll also of Bristol. James received his grade and high school education in Bristol. Entering the armed forces, he became a Communications Specialist with the Air Force. He served for three years in Korea before he and Jane Vaughan were married. He was then sent to Madrid, Spain for three years, where the two youngest children were born. In July 1959, Ruth Vaughan, Jane's mother wrote that James Carroll and his family were to go to England for another three year stretch. At the time she wrote the family was in the east making arrangements to leave. Between the Spain tour of duty and the English tour, James was stationed in Wyoming for a short time, and between the Korean and the Spain tours, he was at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The first child was born in New Mexico.

Children (3) of Jane Alice (Vaughan)¹⁶⁴ and James Douglas Carroll.

421ⁱ Cathleen "Cindy" Carroll (164, 50, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 14 October 1953 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Living: January 1962 with her parents, probably in England.

Cindy Carroll, born in the United States, has lived in Madrid, Spain and in England as have her brother and sister.

422ⁱⁱ Thomas James Carroll (164, 50, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 2 December 1955 in Madrid, Spain.

Living: January 1962 with his parents, probably in England.

423ⁱⁱⁱ Linda Christine Carroll (164, 50, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 8 January 1957 in Madrid, Spain.

Living: January 1962 with her parents, probably in England.

Children (3) of Ruth (Benson)⁵⁰ and James McKinley Vaughan, Continued.

165ⁱⁱⁱ Sherrill "Sherry" Ruth Vaughan (50, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 19 May 1935 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado.

Living: January 1962 with her husband and son in Newfoundland.

Married: Melvin Frank Bourn on 17 November 1956.

Children: (2) Michael Frank Bourn and James Nathan Bourn

Sherrill Vaughan attended schools in Denver and graduated from South Denver High School in 1953. She joined the Navy as a Wave 27 September 1954. Her husband Melvin Frank Bourn was born 8 January 1935 in Williamsville, Windham County, Vermont, the son of Frank and Lillian Bourn. He graduated from high school and had one or two years of college before joining the United States Navy. He was a weather man with the Navy and was stationed first in Kodiak, Alaska. Sherry was with him there and their son was born there. After his term of service in Alaska was finished, Mr. Bourn re-enlisted and he was sent to Newfoundland in 1959. His family was with him there in 1962.

Child (1) of Sherrill Ruth (Vaughan)¹⁶⁵ and Melvin Frank Bourn.

424ⁱ Michael Frank Bourn (165, 50, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 16 March 1958 in Kodiak, Alaska.

Living: January 1962 with his parents in Newfoundland.

442ⁱⁱ James Nathan Bourn (165, 50, 14, 5, 1) - Born: 17 November 1961 at Beachwood, New Jersey.

Children (3) of Jane Elizabeth "Jennie" (Magonigle) and Lewis Alonzo Benson¹⁴, Continued.

51ⁱⁱ Arthur Wallace Benson (14, 5, 1)

Born: 22 January 1905 at Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 at Clay Center, Kansas

Married: Jean Rundle, 6 August 1930 in Clay Center, Kansas.

Children: (3) Harvey Dean; Arthur "Art" Eugene; and Evelyn Aileen Benson.

Arthur Wallace Benson attended grade school and graduated from the Clay County High School. He graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He later earned a Master of Science from the same University.

Wallace taught science in the high school of Eureka, Kansas for three years, from 1929 until 1932. He returned to Clay Center where he rented or purchased a farm near his father. He was still farming in 1962.

He was an active member of the Four Mile United Presbyterian Church and served for a number of years, until 1954, on the Board of Trustees of the Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. The College was owned and operated by the United Presbyterian Church. Wallace Benson also served for 12 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clay County Community High School. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Clay Center.

Jean Rundle, wife of Wallace Benson, was born 9 June 1906 in Clay Center, Kansas and also attended the Clay County High School. She was the daughter of Mary and Albert Rundle who were both born in England. They immigrated to America and to Clay Center, Kansas. Jean Rundle had a younger sister, Aileen. Both Jean and Aileen Rundle attended and graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas. They were majors in the Home Economics field. After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics, Jean taught for two years at Rossville. Later she taught in the elementary school of Clay Center.

Leaving home on the 26 July 1959, Jean and Wallace Benson drove their car to Montreal, Canada. There they boarded a plane for Stephenville, Newfoundland to visit their son Harvey and family.

Children (3) of Jean (Rundle) and Arthur Wallace Benson⁵¹.

166ⁱ Harvey Dean Benson. (51,14, 5, 1).

Born: 16 August 1933 in Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 on a farm adjoining his father's at Clay Center, Kansas.

Married: Martha Watson on the 26 December 1954 at the Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas. The Rev. performed the ceremony.

Children: (3) Rebecca "Becky" Jean; Jennie Elizabeth; and Florence Ann Benson.

Children (3) of Jean (Rundle) and Arthur Wallace Benson⁵¹.

Harvey Benson attended schools and graduated from the Clay County Community High School. He graduated January 1956 from the Kansas State University Manhattan, Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. He also received a Bachelor' of Science degree in Meterology from Penn State in August 1957. From August 1957 until June 1960 he served as a weather man for the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in Stephenville, Newfoundland. His wife and baby joined him there.

After his term of service for the Air Force was completed in the spring of 1960, Harvey and his family returned to Clay Center, Kansas. There he farmed with his father. He had a farm adjoining his fathers.

Martha Watson was born 6 August 1933, the daughter of Mattie (Morehead) and Joe Aubery Watson of Wichita, Kansas. She attended the schools in Wichita, graduating from the high school there. She then attended the Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in June 1955.

Children (3) of Martha (Watson) and Harvey Dean Benson¹⁶⁶.

425ⁱ Rebecca "Becky" Jean Benson (166, 51, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 27 September 1956 at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Living: January 1962 with her parents in Clay Center, Kansas.

The name "Jean" of "Becky's" name was for her grandmother, Jean (Rundle) Benson.

426ⁱⁱ Jennie Elizabeth Benson (166, 51, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 15 July 1958 in Newfoundland.

Living: January 1962 with her parents in Clay Center, Kansas.

Jennie was named for her great grandmother Benson. The name Jennie was given in place of "Jane" for her parents wanted her to be called Jennie, as her name rather than as a nickname as it had been for her great grandmother.

427ⁱⁱⁱ Florence Ann Benson (166, 51, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 19 July 1961 at Clay Center, Kansas

Living: In January 1962 with her parents in Clay Center, Kansas.

Children (3) of Jean (Rundle) and Arthur Wallace Benson⁵¹, Continued.

167ⁱⁱ Arthur "Art" Eugene Benson. (51, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 18 August 1936 at Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 and serving with the Air Force.

Arthur Benson attended schools in Clay Center and graduated from the Clay County Community High School in 1955. He graduated from the Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He assisted his father on the farm until 1960 when he entered the Air Force as a weather man. He was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas. He was given a furlough in the fall of 1960 to help his father with the harvest of the farm crop.

168ⁱⁱⁱ Evelyn Aileen Benson (51, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 4 July 1938 at Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 with her husband and children on a farm near Green, Kansas.

Married: Jon Larson after graduating from high school in 1956. Rev. L. E. Kuhons of the United Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Clay Center.

Children: (2) Dean Allen, Raymond Neil and Eric Duane Larson

Evelyn Benson attended grade school and graduated from the Clay Center Community High School in May 1956 with honors. The "Aileen" of her name was given her in honor of her aunt Aileen Rundle. She attended classes at Ames in 1957.

Jon Larson was born 25 November 1938, the son of the Paul Larsons of Green, Kansas. He graduated from the Clay Center Community high school in 1956 with honors. After high school, Jon Larson took a short course in Agriculture at Ames, Iowa. He helped his father who owned a large farm at Green during the summers. The Larsons bought a trailer house to live in at Ames during the summers.

After Jon finished school, he and Evelyn purchased a place close to his father's. There was a large stone house in good repair on the place. They redecorated the house and basement to make it more convenient. They also landscaped the yard, making a lovely home.

Children of Evelyn Aileen (Benson)¹⁶⁸ and Jon Larson.

428ⁱ Dean Allen Larson (168, 51, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 25 February 1957 at Ames, Story County, Iowa.

Living: 1963 with his parents.

Dean was a blond with blue eyes. He favored his father in appearance.

Children (3) of Evelyn Aileen (Benson)¹⁶⁸ and Jon Larson, Continued.

429ⁱⁱ Raymond Neil Larson (168, 51, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 2 September 1958 in Ames, Story County, Iowa.

Living: January 1962 with his parents near Green, in Riley County, Kansas.

Raymond was also blond and blue eyed but he resembled his mother more than his father. Both boys are of opposite dispositions.

442ⁱⁱⁱ Eric Duane Larson (168, 51, 14, 5, 1)

Born: 2 May 1963 at Clay Center, Kansas

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Wednesday Evening
September, 1959

Dear Mary and Bert:

We were surely glad to hear from you and to know that things are going well. Your family history sounds interesting. I hope I was able to help out some. At present I can't remember the name of the college Dad got his B. A. from. He and Uncle James both graduated from it. I added some information about great grandfather Rice Benson that you may already have. He went west in the gold rush and I think must have re-married out there (a later card said this was not so) or else Christopher Benson (his oldest son) went out later. Grandfather Lewis A. Benson died in Oregon of a heart attack when he was visiting a brother out there in 1908. The other brother, John Benson, stayed in southern Illinois.

Evelyn and Jon were married when she graduated from high school in May 1956. We have a very fine grandson and they are happy. Next week I will help them move back to Ames, Iowa where Jon is studying Agriculture. They bought Harvey's trailer from him so they have their own home. They are both in school and in summer time Jon helps his dad farm. They have a large farm, much bigger than our set up, and Jon's help is needed.

Harvey has been in Newfoundland since August 1, and will probably be there till June 1960. He has found quarters so Martha and Becky can go up soon. If they do, he will have to stay until his term of service is over. They, Martha and Becky, have been dividing their time between Wichita and here and we have certainly enjoyed having them around. Art is back at Manhattan but he gets home almost every week. Jean is busy teaching again. She has a new school this year and 14 pupils.

We were sorry that we couldn't get to Canon City for Uncle Oliver's funeral. The weather didn't cooperate this year and we were the busiest we have been for several years. Crops were better though. We haven't been away all summer. Art even called off a trip that he and friend planned to make to Cheyenne (Frontier Days) and Colorado. I guess everyone was behind in their work this year.

We keep reasonably well although we each realize that we are not so young any more. We hope that you folks are well. I haven't heard how your mother is, Bert. No one has written from Canon since the funeral.

Will you let us know how the history comes along Mary?

Sincerely,

(s) Wallace and Jean

Children (3) of Jane Elizabeth "Jennie" (Magonigle) and Lewis Alonzo Benson¹⁴, Continued

52ⁱⁱⁱ Gladys Benson (14, 5, 1).

Born: 28 August 1909 in Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 at 27 California, Fort Walton, Florida with her husband.

Married: Charles Henry Talbot on 14 January 1935 in living room of bride's parent's home in Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas.

Children: (1) Kathlyn Jean Talbot.

After attending grade school in Clay Center, Gladys graduated from the Clay County Community High School with honors in 1926. She attended Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas for two years. During the school year of 1928-29, she taught in the Huston Mission, Huston, Kentucky. She returned to Kansas State in 1929 and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1931.

Gladys Benson taught Home Economics in Sparks, Kansas and in Morehead, Kansas. She always found an active place in the work of her church, the United Presbyterian, and in music circles no matter where she was.

After her marriage to Henry Talbot and they had settled in Wichita, Kansas, she held almost every office or responsibility in the United Presbyterian Church of that city. In 1958 she was Cradle-roll Superintendent and was a teacher in the Junior Missionary. In addition she was Co-chairman of the ways and means committee of the church. She was elected a voting delegate to represent the Presbyterian executive board at the Women's National meeting held in Purdue, Indiana in June 1961. In addition to her church work she was a member of the Hypathia Club, a Federated Womens Club. Gladys also enjoyed textile painting.

Charles Henry Talbot was born the son of Kate (Scudder) and Ernest Oran Talbot. He attended grade school at Seneca, New Mexico and graduated from high school at Clayton, New Mexico. He then had two years in electrical engineering at Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas.

He and Gladys lived for five years in Manhattan, Kansas after they were married. Since that time he has worked for aircraft companies, first in Topeka, Kansas and later in Wichita, Kansas. He was an electrician in the

experimental department of the Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita. He was in charge of the electrical wiring of the first big jet, the B52G, called the "Wichita Eagle". It was a 225 ton missile platform bomber. The work was done at the McConell Air Force base at Wichita. In the spring of 1961, the Boeing Air Craft Company transferred Henry and three others to Fort Walton, Florida to work for the government.

Henry Talbot was a camera enthusiast and especially enjoyed taking colored landscapes on 35 mm. slides. He took an active interest in Scouting and in 1958 was the Institutional Representative for the United Presbyterian Church troop. In addition he enjoyed bowling and was on one of the Church's two teams. He also served his church as an elder.

In 1958 Henry had two brothers living, one in Indiana and one in Oklahoma. Both were married and had families.

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August 9, 1957
1226 Lulu
Wichita 9, Kansas

Dear Mary:

This long time you've heard nothing in reply to your letter concerning our family tree is partly indicative of effort -- not completely lassitude. After writing Uncle Charlie and several others I thought he might have some information further back than I, and waiting for replies -- the enclosed is all I can find and it is all contemporary. You probably just needed the "Benson" named branch of Dad's family, too, but I've sent us all and you can take your pick. Could we have a copy when finished? Harvey's Martha was interested as well as ourselves.

We have been somewhat upset in our church work, being without a pastor since March. Have just called a Mr. Thornburg from Venice, Pa. who hopes to be here by mid-September. We were very fond of the "Almes", who had been here 12 years but changes usually have some beneficial angles as well as sad ones.

This summer has been a busy one, cooler than Kansas sometimes is, too. Kathryn has taken organ lessons which involved practicing up at church every morning from 6:45 to 7:45 before going to the office. Her boss suggested to her yesterday that she make the acquaintance of the folks in the Pittsburg office when she goes with Lee next year and let "the boss" write them, too.

She has her heart set on teaching Junior High Home Economics those last two years Lee is in seminary but seems to me office work would entail less away-from-the-job hours. No doubt everything will work out for the best. She played the organ for church during June and will again the 18th of this month. Had a wedding to accompany in June, too so she's getting lots of good experience.

Our vacation is first week in September and last week in August. K. goes to Cleveland the first week and joins us in Colorado campground the second week. A lot of travelling but lets her visit Lee's home and have a last one of all these summer camp-out vacations we've enjoyed so much.

Is Aunt Margaret at the West Douglas address now? She will be terribly lonesome, but if she has the same spirit as she used to, will adjust herself in time.

We got to see Jane Vaughan Carroll and lovely family enroute home from Spain to Denver via many friends and relatives over this whole United States. Too bad she missed Sherrill who had just left to join her husband in Kodiak, Alaska.

Wallace's were in Wichita to join Harvey's wife's folks (the Watsons) in a farewell get together for Harvey who is now in Labrador. Martha and little "Becky" will stay here.

This poor old world isn't as large as it used to be -- and geography should be simpler.

Sorry to be slow in answering.

Love,

(s) Gladys B. Talbot

(Enclosed was a chart of the Lewis Alonzo Benson - Jennie Elizabeth Magonigle family, children and grandchildren. These were incorporated in the history)

Child of Gladys (Benson)⁵² and Charles Henry Talbot.

169ⁱ Kathryn Jean Talbot (52, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 3 December 1936 in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

Living: January 1962 in Mahoning, Penn. with her husband and family.

Married: Charles Lee Filker on 28 May 1958 in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, in the United Presbyterian Church.

Children: (2) Joel Andrew; and John Mark Filker

Kathryn Talbot attended grade school in Topeka, Kansas and in Wichita, Kansas. She attended and graduated from the East High School in Wichita with honors. She was chosen a member of the National Honor Society there.

She then attended Sterling College at Sterling, Kansas and graduated from there in May 1958 with a degree in Home Economics. While at College she was a member of the Christian Fellowship, the Gospel Team, Chi Sigma Theta, a national Christian educational honor society, Women's Athletics Association,

Le Bon Ton, and Mask and Wig, and was assistant editor of the school annual, the Round-up. She was named in Who's Who among students in American Colleges and Universities at Sterling College in 1958 - the only one from Wichita to be so honored that year.

Charles Lee Filker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Filker of Olmsted Falls, Ohio. He graduated from Sterling College in 1957 and in 1958 he attended the Pittsburgh Xenia Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated. While in college Lee sang tenor in the Sterling College Choir. He showed artistic talent in his charcoals. Kathryn and Lee lived in Pittsburgh until he finished seminary. He was in charge of a church in a small town just outside of Pittsburgh. In 1961 he was the pastor of the church in Mahoning, Pennsylvania. Their Post Office address was out of Lowellville, Ohio and phone service from Bedford, Pennsylvania, strange as it seemed.

Articles in the Wichita, Kansas newspaper in 1958 (February) carried the announcement of the engagement of Kathryn Talbot with her picture.

"KATHRYN TALBOT MAY BRIDE-ELECT OF OHIO MAN

"Announcement of their daughter Kathryn's approaching marriage is made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Talbot, 1226 Lulu. Miss Talbot will become the bride of Charles Lee Filker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Filker, Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

"The wedding will be an event of May 28 in First United Presbyterian Church.

"Miss Talbot will be graduated from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas in May. She is a home economics major and a member of Chi Sigma Theta Sorority.

"Mr. Filker, a Sterling College graduate, attends Pittsburgh Xenia Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa."

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From another copy of the Wichita paper was the following article:

"WICHITAN ONLY KANSAN REPRESENTED

"A Wichitan is the lone Kansan to be named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities at Sterling College, according to Dr. Maynard Peck, chairman of the selection committee.

"Kathryn Talbot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Talbot of 1226 Lulu, was selected for the honor. The home economics major is a graduate of East High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society.

"At Sterling College she has been a member of Christian Fellowship, Gospel Team, Chi Sigma Theta-National Christian Educational Honor Society, Women's Athletic Assn., Le Bon Ton, Mask and Wig, and is now serving as assistant editor of the school annual, the Round-Up."

From a Sterling, Kansas announcement was the following:

"Sterling College Announces Five Who's Who Students"

"Sterling, Kansas -- Five Sterling College seniors were named recently to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, according to Dr. Maynard Peck, Chairman of the selection committee.

"The five students ranked high academically and were picked for their service to the college, their campus activities, their scholarship record and their promise of future service and usefulness. All five students had been members of the National Honor Society while in high school.

"They were: _____ and Kathy Talbot, Wichita, Kansas."

Charles Henry Filker, father of Lee, was an elder and Sunday School Superintendent in the Elyria, Ohio United Presbyterian Church and his mother sang in the choir of the church.

Children (2 in 1962) of Kathryn Jean (Talbot)¹⁶⁹ and Charles Lee Filker.

430ⁱ Joel Andrew Filker (169, 52, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 19 February 1960 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Living: January 1962 with his parents in Mahoning, Pennsylvania. Post office address was out of Lowellville, Ohio.

431ⁱⁱ John Mark Filker (169, 52, 14, 5, 1).

Born: 1 November 1961 in the hospital at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Living: January 1962 with his parents in Mahoning, Pennsylvania

Children (6) of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson⁵, Cont.

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James Andrew Benson (5, 1).

Born: 15 December 1865 at the Lewis Benson farm home not far from Steeleville and Sparta, in Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 14 October 1939 at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, as he was walking down a Saint Louis Street. Death was due to a heart attack. He was 74 years of age and he had been in poor health for a year. He was buried at the Sunset Burial Park in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Married: Helen Mae Clark on 30 (or 13) May 1899 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Children: (3) Chalres Kenneth; Samuel Lester; and Virginia Grace Benson.

During his early years, James like his brothers, received his grade school education at home as his mother, Martha (Hughes) Benson, had been a teacher. Later he went to Concord rural grade school. He entered Sparta High School at the age of 13 years and graduated from there at the age of 17 with honors. Both James and John were in the same class. For the next 6 years he was employed as a rural county teacher. In 1888 he entered Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois and graduated from there with high honors in 1894. During the last two years of his college life he not only attended school but did tutoring and was college librarian. In college he was also active in public speaking groups and won the National Intercollegiate Oratorical contest held in New York City.

James Benson entered the Reform Presbyterian Seminary in Philadelphia and after three years was licensed to preach. Later he served churches in Indiana, Kansas and Minnesota. It was said that as a young and single minister, he was the target of many a designing mother with marriageable daughters. Charles Benson (see letter p.) tells the story of James meeting his future wife. It happened while James was serving in the mission field near Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was invited to dinner at the home of a young lady whose parents lived in the suburbs. While they waited for their train, another young lady came up to speak to them. She was introduced as Miss Helen Mae Clark. James lost no time in courting Miss Clark and they were soon married -- on 30 (or 13) May 1899 or 1900 in Minneapolis.

In 1909 the James Benson family moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, and in 1910 he became a commercial teacher at the McKinley school there. Later he taught at Soldan. When the new Cleveland High School was built in St. Louis and opened in September 1915, he was among its first teachers. He taught there until his death.

James Benson was 74 years of age when death from a heart attack came to him suddenly. He had been in poor health for a year and had taken a semester's leave of absence from his teaching. In the fall of 1939 he felt better and had returned to his position as commercial teacher. On the day that he died he had been at his son Kenneth's home and had just left to walk to a meeting when he suffered the heart attack.

The life and activities of James Andrew Benson are perhaps best summed up in an article that appeared in the Sparta News-Plaindealer of October, 1939, along with his picture, following his death.

"JAMES A. BENSON DROPS DEAD AT ST. LOUIS, SATURDAY

"Native of This Community Had Been a Teacher in St. Louis High Schools Many Years

"James A. Benson, 74, native of this community but for many years a teacher in St. Louis high schools, dropped dead on a St. Louis street about 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon while on his way to attend a committee meeting. A heart attack was the cause of his death.

"Mr. Benson's death followed by only six weeks that of his brother, Dr. Samuel A. Benson, who succumbed to burns sustained in a fire at his office in St. Louis on September 3. A short time before he was stricken, Mr. Benson had left his oldest son, C. Kenneth Benson, on whom he had called, and at that time he appear to be in his usual health.

"Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Andrews E. Swedberg, from the Kriegshauser undertaking establishment, 4228 South Kingshighway boulevard in St. Louis, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Sunset Burial Park.

"James A. Benson, son of Louis A. and Martha (Hughes) Benson, was born near Sparta on December 15, 1865. He attended classes during his early years at his home, his mother, a former teacher, instructing her four boys while doing her domestic work. When he was about nine years of age, the district school improved to a point where his parents thought it advisable that he attend and he entered the Concord school near Sparta. At the age of 13 he entered the Sparta High School and graduated with honors in 1883, at the age of 17. Following his graduation from high school he taught in rural schools for six years.

"In 1888 he entered Blackburn College in Carlinville and graduated with high marks in 1894. As a student at Blackburn he won the national intercollegiate oratorical contest at New York City. After leaving Blackburn he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Philadelphia and after three years of study he was licensed to preach. In 1900 he married Miss Helen M. Clark in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"During his ministerial work, he held charges in Clay Center, Kansas, Idaville, Indiana, and Savage, Glendale and Prior Lake, Minnesota.

"In 1909 he went to St. Louis and since April, 1910, he had been employed in the commercial departments of city high schools, serving first at McKinley and later at Soldan. In September, 1915, when Cleveland High School was opened, he was transferred to that school, where he taught until his death.

"Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen M. Benson; two sons, C. Kenneth Benson, and Dr. S. Lester Benson, of St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Brockman, of St. Louis, and two brothers, Rev. L. A. Benson of Clay Center, Kansas, and Rev. C. E. Benson of Blackwell, Okla.

"Those from Sparta who attended the funeral at St. Louis, Tuesday, were Walter Benson, Mrs. Helen Blair, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Benson and Clifford, Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Stewart and son, Miss Lillie McIntyre, Mrs. Roy McMillan, Mrs. D. M. Reid and Miss Mary Smiley.

"Dr. and Mrs. James Smiley and daughter, Mrs. Gordon, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Rev. L. A. Benson and family of Clay Center, Kansas, were among others who attended the funeral."

(Note: The following articles were taken from a clipping from the Cleveland High School, Saint Louis, Missouri, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1939. A two column picture accompanied the articles.) The heading below was a streamer across five columns.

"CLEVELAND PAYS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

"A TRIBUTE TO MR. BENSON

"On Saturday morning, October 14, one of the beloved teachers of Cleveland passed away into a new world. He was, in the opinion of the students at Cleveland, one of the most able and patient teachers in the commercial field. Mr. Benson was in size very small but in personality he ranked among the leaders.

"During his stay at Cleveland he kept his many friends, and up to his last few days at Cleveland he still kept that same happy smile for which he was noted.

"Mr. Benson was away from school almost all of last term due to illness but returned at the end of the term to see his friends. During the summer his illness continued, but when school commenced he returned to Cleveland ready to begin his teaching as usual, even though he suffered from illness.

"We, the students of Cleveland, regret the loss of such a fine teacher, who had all friends and no enemies.

- - James Gramlich
Francis Miller
(Students)."

"TRIBUTE FROM A FELLOW TEACHER

"James A. Benson was born December 15, 1865, near Sparta, Illinois. During his early years he attended school at home, his mother (a former teacher) keeping school hours for her children.

"Following his graduation with honors from the Sparta High School at the age of seventeen, James Benson became a country school teacher for six years. However, these years were but a preliminary training for the college education that he secured at Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois, which he entered in 1888 and from which he graduated with high scholastic standing in 1894. His years at college must have been busy ones, for during the last two years he tutored and was college librarian.

"Preparation for the ministry and serving churches in Kansas, Indiana, and Minnesota occupied most of the next fifteen years of his life.

"In 1909 he came to St. Louis where, since 1910, he had been employed in the commercial department of the city high schools, serving first at McKinley and later at Soldan. In September, 1915, when Cleveland High School was opened, he was among the charter members of the faculty to begin teaching here, where he taught up to the time of his death.

"Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen M. Benson, and two sons, C. Kenneth Benson and Dr. S. Lester Benson, and a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Brockman, and two brothers, Reverend L. A. Benson of Clay Center, Kansas, and Reverend C. E. Benson of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

"I knew James Benson as co-worker, neighbor, and friend. As co-worker, I found him progressive, devoted to his work, a lover of children, never growing old beyond the point of understanding the minds and hearts of the young people he met in or out of the classroom.

"Just as he took pride in his expert penmanship, just so did he take pride in doing a thorough job of whatever task came to him in his work as teacher. There was something about the manner in which he deemed to enjoy the company of his fellow teachers that made us all happy when he stopped to chat with us.

"He was the country type of neighbor who makes the warmth of his neighborliness felt at all times. His genial nature and sincere interest made his being a neighbor one of the treasured memories of my family. I knew him as a very kind and helpful neighbor. When I think of him in that capacity, I think of the Good Samaritan in the Bible story. James Benson was one of the best Good Samaritans I have ever known.

"He was a true friend. There was never any problem too troublesome to bring to James Benson. His whole life seemed to be an expression of the one great desire, "I want to help where I can."

(The article was continued to another page not saved)

(There were other pages of articles but only parts appear on the back of the above clipping from the first page of the school paper. Some of these are below.)

One student wrote:

"The next worst thing to having no convictions, is having hardened convictions, which have petrified and so sometimes brain cells become like concrete. If there is such a thing as the fountain of youth, Mr. Benson surely found this source of youth internal, which is an open mind. There are many young-old people with one characteristic predominating -- a mental reception room where ideas are received hospitably.

"Such a man was the late James Benson, a scholar, a philosopher and a person with true outlook on life and having internal youth. James Benson once quoted: "An open mind is more to be admired and more to be desired than great riches; look forward, not backward, with an open mind and youth will be yours." A fine man has ceased to exist but his memory lingers on in Cleveland.

- - Frank Rericha (Student)."

A teacher wrote:

"Any appraisal of Mr. Benson's life and influence would be incomplete without a tribute to his fine qualities as a Christian gentleman. Generous and kindly by nature, his sympathies were easily aroused; no one in distress ever asked his assistance who did not get it in the fullest measure of which he was capable. And he loved his work as a teacher, never sparing himself when he felt that he could be helpful to a student; it mattered not whether the latter was a member of one of his classes, or simply a straggler attracted by his friendliness, the help was forthcoming just the same. This sympathetic concern for their progress and welfare made him greatly beloved by his pupils.

"Mr. Benson was one of those rare spirits who never really grow old. He became frail in body, but his mind retained its youthful buoyancy and alertness to the last. He never ceased to study and to learn; and he was just as interested in new discoveries and new points of view as a young man of twenty-five.

"Yes, Mr. Benson was a lofty-minded, courageous and benevolent spirit. We shall miss him greatly.

- - A. J. Schwartz (Faculty)."

Another part of an article by E. E. Hutzel (Faculty) states:

"He was loyal to his profession, supporting the many organizations in the field of education. -----

"Whatever he did was done with painstaking care, from beginning to end. If it was a written production, it was always done with the same extreme care from the first letter to the very last one in his signature. His verses and comments written in his beautiful penmanship in countless memory books and BEACONS have been an inspiration to his pupils. -----

- - E. E. Hutzal (Faculty)."

Helen Mae Clark, wife of James Andrew Benson, was born about 1 July 1877 in Wabasha, Minnesota and died 26 June 1946 in Saint Louis, Missouri. She was the daughter of Calista and Sylvester P. Clark. Mr. Clark was born in New York November 1826 and died probably in Minnesota. He married Calista (_____) who was born 21 August 1837 in Pekin, New York. She died in 1911 probably in Minnesota. Mrs. Torrens gave her name as "Celesta" but Kenneth Benson, her grandson gave it as "Calista".

Children (3) of Helen Mae (Clark) and James Andrew Benson¹⁵.

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Charles Kenneth Benson (15, 5, 1).

Born: 22 December 1900 at Glendale, Minnesota, according to Kenneth Benson, himself.

Living: In January 1962 at 114 Tulip Drive, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Married: Twice:

1st - Dera Speegle. Divorced.

2nd - Mildred "Millie" Straughan.

Children: None by first wife.

One by second wife. James Lynn Benson

Much of the following information of Charles Kenneth Benson was taken from the answers of a questionnaire sent to him by the writers. They appreciated his willingness to assist them in compiling the history of his family.

Kenneth Benson attended Washington University and Jefferson College in St. Louis and was a member of Missouri Institute of Accountancy and Law Key Society of St. Louis. He was a member of the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants. He was a member of the Union M. E. Church of St. Louis, of the Downtown St. Louis Lions Club, serving as its President 1944-1945, a member of the Executives Association of St. Louis, serving as its President in 1950. Kenneth started to work for Peters Division of International Shoe Co. in St. Louis in June of 1918 as a bookkeeper, leaving the company in January of 1922, to go with the Egyptian Supply Co. of

Christopher, Illinois as bookkeeper and office manager where he worked until October of 1924. At this time he went to the Bloomer Shoe Company of Alton, Illinois as Office manager where he stayed until November of 1926. In January, 1927 Kenneth accepted a position as Accountant, and Assistant Manager of the St. Louis office of S. D. Leidesdorf & Co., certified public accountants where he stayed until July of 1936. At this time he became a Junior Partner of Perkins & Co., Certified Public Accountants of St. Louis and remained so until October, 1944 when he became the Senior partner of C. K. Benson & Co., Certified Public Accounts of St. Louis, which firm became successor to Perkins & Co. after the death of Mr. Perkins. Kenneth's firm owned the building which houses the business at 711 St. Charles Street in St. Louis and a School in connection with it. Kenneth's talent for personnel work was shown by his being chosen as office manager of the Egyptian Supply Company at the age of 21 years.

Kenneth and his family have travelled widely in the United States, having visited Northern Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Texas, Minnesota, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and North Carolina. His hobby was fishing. Kenneth Benson and his wife Mildred lived in Webster Groves, Missouri in January 1962. The address was 114 Tulip Drive.

Mrs. Torrens in her book, Family Genealogies of Randolph County, gave Kenneth's name as "Clark Kenneth". This was incorrect according to Kenneth who gave his own name as "Charles Kenneth".

Child of Mildred (Straughan) and Charles Kenneth Benson⁵³.

170ⁱ James Lynn Benson (53, 15, 5, 1).

Born: 5 August 1937 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Living: Living in January 1962

Married: Jeanne _____ before 1962.

Children of Helen Mae (Clark) and James Andrew Benson¹⁵, Continued.

54ⁱⁱ Samuel Lester Benson (15, 5, 1)

Born:

Living: January 1962 at 725 Gray Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri

Married: Betty Flint

Children: None

Lester Benson was a dentist in Saint Louis, Missouri and in addition taught half days in the Dentistry School of Washington University in Saint Louis. His home was in Webster Groves, Missouri - 725 Gray Avenue.

The Lester Benson's owned a small island of some three acres in Canada. It was land that was heavily wooded. From that timber they built a four room cottage on their island. It was on this land that they usually spent their summers.

In the fall of 1959 Lester suffered a sever heart attack. He was slowly regaining his strength in January 1961.

Mrs. Torren's gave Lester's name as "Luther" which was incorrect according to his brother Kenneth and two cousins of his.

55ⁱⁱⁱ Virginia Grace Benson, (15, 5, 1)

Born:

Living: September 1962 at 5751 Oakview Lane, Hopkins, Minnesota.

Married: Robert "Bud" Brockman

Children: (2 or 3) Beverly; Carol Brockman.

Robert Brockman was a salesman for a Chicago radio station.

Children of Virginia (Benson) and Robert Brockman.

171ⁱ Beverly Lynn Brockman, (55, 15, 5, 1)

Born:

Living: October 1962

Married: Donald Gene Seal at Hopkins, Minnesota. Ceremony held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, 8 September 1962 at the John Hus Church, 12007 Excelsior Boulevard, Hopkins, Minnesota

172ⁱⁱ Carol Brockman

Born:

197ⁱⁱⁱ James Hughes Brockman (55, 15, 5, 1)

55 Benson⁵⁵. It was not known if a third child was correct for Virginia Grace Benson. However, Mrs. Torrens in her book lists James as a son.

Children of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson⁵, Continued.

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Samuel Albert Benson (5, 1)

Born: 26 September 1867 near Sparta Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 3 September 1939 in his apartment in Saint Louis, Missouri. Death was due to burns received from a fire of unknown origin that swept through his apartment and his adjoining office.

Married: Twice:

1st - Pearl Beattie in Saint Louis, Missouri. Divorced.

2nd - Grace Davis in Saint Louis, Missouri. Divorced.

Children: None.

Like his brothers, Samuel received his early education from his mother at home. When he was 7 or in about 1874, he and his brothers were sent to the Concord rural grade school. He later graduated from the Sparta High School and the Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois. Mr. Benson taught school in Illinois for several years before entering the Medical School in Saint Louis, Missouri. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree about 1893.

He practiced medicine in Saint Louis for the rest of his life and it was said by many, that he did a great deal for the poorer class of patients without compensation. Because of this service, Dr. Samuel A. Benson died almost penniless.

The Doctor's mother lived with him for sometime but she returned to Sparta before her last illness. A cousin of Dr. Sam's, Inez Carter, wrote that the Doctor gave her mother, Ella Carter⁹ and ear-phone radio of which she was very proud and from which she derived a great deal of pleasure. Miss Carter spoke of Samuel and his brother Alonzo¹⁴ calling on Mrs. Carter⁹, who was their first cousin.

Pearl Beattie, first wife of Samuel Benson was born in the Sparta area, the daughter of Wesley Beattie. She was a sister of Bertha Beattie. Pearl was noted for her music ability and had played the piano for the United Presbyterian Church in Saint Louis. The couple was divorced about 1899 or 1900. Pearl Benson did not remarry for she died shortly after the divorce. There were no children born to the union.

Doctor married secondly Grace Davis about 1906 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Miss Davis was raised in Saint Louis. The marriage lasted about a year. They were divorced in 1907. Doctor Benson did not remarry after that. However, Grace Benson married secondly Fred Bennett, a druggist. He was a widower with several children. The Bennetts lived for a while in Dover, New Hampshire but in 1958, according to Miss Lillie McIntyre, Mr. Bennett retired and the couple moved to Florida. In 1958 they lived at 825 N.E. 23 Ave., Pompano, Florida. Miss McIntyre corresponded with Mrs. Bennett and visited her several times.

Children (6 living) of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson⁵, Continued.

19⁶ Joseph "Joe" Rice Benson (5, 1).

Born: 30 August 1873 at the farm home of Lewis Benson⁵, some five miles south of Sparta, in Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 1 May 1927 at his home at 22 Oregon Avenue, Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois, at the age of 53 years, 6 months. Death was due to chronic myocarditis according to Coroner John D. Cole. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Danville, Illinois.

Married: Twice:

1st - Margaret McIntyre on 18 September 1895 at the home of the bride's brother, Neal McIntyre, near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. (Book E, p. 13 of County Marriage Records, Chester, Ill. Later divorced in 1908 or 1909.

2nd - Besse Russell Boyle on 4 May 1909 in Larimore, Grand Forks County, North Dakota. She survived Joseph.

Children: (6, but only 3 lived) by the first wife: Martha Viola; Mary Blanche; and Herbert Lewis Benson.

(3) by second wife: Joseph Harold; Orron Russell; and Enid Marjorie Benson.

Named for his grandfather, J. Rice Benson', Joseph attended the Concord grade school. This school was originally established as a private school by his great grandmother, Eliza (McClure) Hughes, and was later converted to a public school and a new building constructed. Joe attended high school but the name of the high school was not given. His brothers attended Sparta High School. Some members of the family said Joe attended Cartersville High School. There was no proof. Other members claim that he graduated from Sparta high school and attended Blackburn College for one year. His main interest seemed to be in the field of mechanics.

Joseph Benson suffered severely in several childhood accidents. Margaret (McIntyre) Benson, his first wife, told of him incurring a head injury when he was five or six years old when he was kicked by a horse. She said the injury bothered him at times for many years. Besse (Boyle) Benson, his second wife, wrote that as a small boy he ran down to his Uncle's where his mother was helping his aunt to can fruit. The men had just butchered and as Joe ran across the yard, a large and cross dog jumped on him, tearing his upper lip open. "The women poured hot sealing wax on the lip. That was what they used to seal fruit jars in those days. Poor boy. I shudder at the thought of it. It left a scar, which accounted for the mustache he always wore", wrote Mrs. Besse Benson.

In 1960 Besse Benson wrote of her husband Joseph as follows: "He had brown (not distinct brown) hair and blue eyes. Disposition fair with some temper). So did his dad. His interests - variable. He wanted to be an engineer but his parents objected so he tried one thing and another. Had the idea he wanted to be a detective, but he did not succeed. He liked engines or machinery of all kinds."

Joe showed a great deal of musical interest and talent, according to his first wife. In addition to a good singing voice, he could play almost every musical instrument by ear. At one time Joe, Lincoln Howie³⁴, Anna Howie³⁵, his cousins, and Roy Gaston had a band of string instruments. They entertained for various community meetings and programs. Margaret McIntyre often joined the group in singing.

After his first marriage, Joe farmed near Sparta until 1897. At that time he and his wife Margaret moved to Inkster, North Dakota. It was there that their first child, Martha Viola⁵⁶, was born. The bitter cold and snow of North Dakota proved quite severe and after 17 months in 1899, the family moved to Saint Louis, Missouri.

While in Saint Louis, Joe worked for the American Bed Company. He and his family lived with his brother, Dr. Samuel A. Benson¹⁶, a practicing physician there. After working from April until the fall of 1900 at the bed company, the family returned to Sparta. This time they moved to the farm of Joe's father to help run both the farm and the creamery. While there he served on the Concord school board from 1904 to 1907. He also ran a small printing press in his mother's home.

After his second marriage Joseph Benson worked as a stationary engineer and later as a carpenter. His son Orron⁶⁰ said his father was a capable amateur photographer.

Joseph Benson and his first wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. After he and his second wife and family moved to Danville, Illinois they joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He had been a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and the Woodman of the World, but resigned from these secret organizations when he became a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The following letter, written in the fall of 1957 by Ruth (Benson) Vaughan⁵⁰, daughter of Alonzo Benson¹⁴ and a niece of Joe's, tells something of the family life of Joe and his first wife, Margaret, during the happier period of their life together.

"My first remembered Christmas, was with Uncle Joe and Aunt Maggie (as I at first learned to call my Aunt Margaret). I think that it was Uncle Joe that cut and brought in the tree. There were such interesting noises in the front of the house and Grandma, Aunt Margaret and my mother worked together to keep Vi and Blanche and me in the kitchen. The big double doors, between the dining room and parlor were closed but we could hear people in the parlor and later on saw the light shining under the door. We were promised that we could go in there after supper, when the doors were to be opened.

"When the doors were opened, I saw my first remembered Christmas tree and it was so bright with candles and so huge it reached almost to the ceiling. There were quite a few people there and Santa Claus arrived and handed out the gifts. My Uncle Joe did not get there until after Santa had gone. There are only a few of the events of that evening that are outstanding, in memory. It was such a suspenseful time before we were allowed to see the tree; so very beautiful and bright, when we were admitted, the appearance of this stranger (to me) called Santa Claus; and then after we had had something to eat and were all so happy, someone played the organ. It seems like it was Aunt Margaret, but I am not sure, but I remember well, how happily every one was singing, my parents and Bert's parents and the others there. That too was the first time that I heard the old song 'When You and I Were Young Maggie'. Every one seemed to be so happy about singing it and it was sung several times.

"There too, is the memory of eating breakfast in the big kitchen one time. It was either fall or spring for the trees were nearly bare. One could see a big tree out one of the windows and Uncle Joe, suddenly left the table and went some where and got his gun and some one else, pointed out to us a big black wad up in the forst of the tree branches, and then the gun report and a long black snake fell to the ground. There was another time in the summer that there was a small snake tucked neatly along under the threshold of a door going to the porch. It may have been a poisonous snake for everyone seemed frightened and Uncle Joe was called to get rid of it. We children were taken inside before the project started.

"I liked my Uncle Joe then; he was good to children and liked them too I guess. I used to look forward to seeing him when we were planning to go there, that I remember! And the fact that I remember his face and smile after 53 years should indicate that he had a way with children.

"I never got to see Bert until he was on his way to Colorado. He was an amusing youngster and caused several good laughs while he was at our house at that time. Now if it is stories about Bert you need, I can think of some. He was good and thoughtful then, and that is not a common trait with boys of that age and for the next few years. -----

Love to you and Bert

from Ruth

No doubt one of the stories of Bert or Herb she refers to, had to do with the occasion when Ruth's father found it necessary to punish the children. Bert, about 4 years old, walked up to stand in front of his Uncle Alonzo¹⁴. Placing his hands behind his back, he looked up at his uncle, a tall man, and in a very serious tone said, "You're the preacher aren't you!"

In answer to a letter asking for Joseph Rice Benson's obituary, the following letter was received from the Commerical News, Danville, Illinois:

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"THE COMMERCIAL - NEWS

17 West North Street

Danville, Illinois
February 18, 1959

Dear Mrs. Benson:

Have checked the county clerk office here as well as our files. There is an article in our paper of May 2, 1927 about the death of Joseph Rice Benson. Our files are all micro film and there are no copies of the paper available that we know of. Therefore, have typed what we could find that we thought of interest.

"Joseph Rice Benson, 53, was found dead in his bed at home, 22 Oregon Ave., Sunday morning (May 1, 1927) by a member of his family when he failed to respond to a call for breakfast. Coroner John D. Cole conducted an inquiry, estimated he had been dead about 5 hours, and attributed death to a heart condition (chronic myocarditis).

"He was born August 30, 1873 at Sparta, Ill., the son of L. A. and Martha Hughes Benson. He came to Danville in 1921 from Arkansas and worked here as a carpenter. Previously he had been employed as a stationary engineer.

"He was married to his present wife, the former Bess Boyle, on May 4, 1909, and from this marriage 3 children survive - Harold, 17, Orron, 16, and Enid, 4.

"Also surviving are two daughters and a son by a previous marriage. (Names not given.) Also 5 brothers.

"He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Woodmen of the World.

"Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. May 3 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and burial was in Greenwood cemetery. The J. B. Sallaway Funeral Home was in charge.

"This is all we could find. The Sallaway Funeral Home is not longer in business. Our best knowledge is that it was purchased by Edmund and Dickson of 440 N. Vermilion St. now.

"Hope this will help a little. It's the best we can do without some expense and I doubt if we could find out enough more to be worth the cost.

Sincerely,

(s) George E. Buron, Managing Editor"

The following copy of a legal paper was mailed to Blanche Benson⁵⁷ 15 January 1930 by Charles F. Quast, Probate Clerk, Danville, Illinois. It will be noted that Blanche's first name Mary, was given as Mae and Herbert's nickname of "Bert" was given in place of Herbert. His middle name was spelled "Louis" instead of "Lewis". Viola⁵⁶ and Herbert⁵⁸ also received copies. The name of Canon City where they lived was spelled "Canyon City".

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }

Vermilion County, }

In the Probate Court of said County

Term, A. D. 192

To THE HON. THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The undersigned Petitioner represents to the Court that on, that is to say, the 7 day of May A. D. 1927, Joseph R. Benson departed this life at Danville in the County of Vermilion and State of Illinois, leaving an instrument in writing purporting to be his Last Will and Testament (1) which is now here produced by the Petitioner and proposed for probate, and that said decedent was a resident of Danville in the County and State aforesaid, at the time of his death.

The Petitioner further represents to the Court that the decedent left surviving him

Bessie Benson

his widow, residing at

Danville, Illinois

Martha Viola Benson, Adult

residing at

Daughter

residing at

Canyon City, Colorado.

May Blanche Benson, Adult

residing at

Daughter

residing at

Canyon City, Colorado.

Bert Louis Benson, Adult Son

residing at

Canyon City, Colorado.

Harold Benson, Minor Son

residing at

22 Oregon St., Danville, Ill.

Orron Benson, Minor Son

residing at

22 Oregon St., Danville, Ill.

Enid Marjorie Benson, Minor

residing at

Daughter

residing at

22 Oregon St., Danville, Ill.

residing at

residing at

residing at

his only heirs at law, all of whom

Except Enid Marjorie Benson

are legatees under said last Will and Testament.

The Petitioner further represents to the Court that the following named persons are also legatees under the said last Will and Testament, to-wit:

residing at

The Petitioner further represents to the Court that said decedent left Personal Estate to the probable amount of value of \$. The Petitioner further represents to the Court that

Petitioner is the widow of deceased.

The Petitioner therefore prays that the said instrument in writing may be admitted to probate, and that the Court will make such other and further orders in the matter as may be necessary and lawful.

(1) And codicil thereto (if any).

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }

Vermilion County, }

the Petitioner, being

duely sworn, deposes and says that the facts averred in the above petition are true, according to the best of Bessie R. Benson knowledge, information and belief.

her sworn to and Subscribed before me this

day of A. D. 1927

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Margaret (McIntyre) Benson and Joseph Rice Benson were divorced in Sparta, Illinois in 1908 or the first of 1909. He married Besse R. Boyle in May 1909.

Margaret McIntyre, first wife of Joseph Rice Benson was born 1 April 1874 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, and died 9 February 1961 at her home in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado of a heart ailment. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City.

The following obituaries appeared in various papers.

CANON CITY DAILY RECORD, CANON CITY, COLORADO -- 10 February 1961

MRS. MARGARET HURST, 52-YEAR RESIDENT, DIES

Mrs. Margaret B. Hurst, a resident of Canon City for 52 years died at her home at 210 Macon Ave., at 11:45 a.m. Thursday following an illness of several months. A heart ailment was the immediate cause of death. She was 86 years old.

Funeral services will be held at the Wilson Mortuary Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. William Alling of Walker, Iowa, will officiate and interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Margaret McIntyre was born near Sparta, Ill. on April 1, 1874, the daughter of William and Nancy Taggart McIntyre. After graduating from Sparta High School, she taught school for several years in the Sparta area.

On September 18, 1895, she married Joseph Rice Benson, to which union four daughters and two sons were born, three of whom survive.

On March 2, 1922, she married Oliver Hurst, who preceded her in death on June 7, 1957.

Mrs. Hurst was a devout member of the Bible Presbyterian Church and the W.C.T.U., in which she was very active until her last illness.

Mrs. Hurst is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. T. Gillen and Mrs. Wayne E. Proctor of Canon City and one son, Herbert L. Benson of Fort Collins; three brothers, William J. McIntyre of Sparta, Ill., David T. McIntyre of San Bernardino, California and Harry A McIntyre of Canon City; one sister, Mrs. Ethel J. Wilson of Sparta, Ill., nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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CANON CITY DAILY RECORD - 12 February 1961

MRS. MARGARET HURST SERVICES CONDUCTED

Funeral services were held Saturday morning from the Wilson Drawing Room for Mrs. Margaret B. Hurst of Canon City. The Rev. William Alling and the Rev. Charles Raines officiated.

Mrs. Manuel Carrillo, accompanied by Mrs. E. R. Sharman, sang "The Twenty-third Psalm" and Herbert Gillen accompanied by Mrs. Sharman, sang "The Love of God."

Paulbearers were Alvin Foster, Robert McIntyre, Jim Gillen, Albert Proctor, Reed Morris and Wilbur Arnold. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery.

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FORT COLLINS, COLORADO -- COLORADOAN -- 16 February 1961

BENSON'S MOTHER DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Benson have returned from Canon City, Colorado, where they were called last Thursday by the death of Mr. Benson's mother, Mrs. Margaret Hurst. Mrs. Hurst who had often visited in Fort Collins with her son and his family, was born in Sparta, Illinois, the daughter of William and Nancy Taggart McIntyre, on April 1, 1874.

She had lived in Canon City for 52 years. Death came during sleep after several month's illness with a heart ailment.

Besides her son, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. T. Gillen and Mrs. Wayne Proctor of Canon City; three brothers, a sister, nine grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Burial was at Lakeside cemetery in Canon City Saturday.

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SPARTA NEWS-PLAINDEALER, SPARTA, ILLINOIS
16 February 1961

SPARTA RELATIVES AT FUNERAL IN COLORADO

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret B. Hurst were conducted by Rev. William Alling of Walker, Iowa on February 11 at the Wilson Mortuary in Canon City, Colorado. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Margaret McIntyre Hurst, daughter of the late William and Nancy Taggart McIntyre, was born near Sparta on April 1, 1874, and entered into rest on February 9, 1961 at her home in Canon City.

After graduating from the Sparta High School, she taught school until her marriage to Joseph R. Benson in 1895. To this union four daughters and two sons were born.

On March 2, 1922, she married Oliver Hurst, who preceded her in death on June 7, 1957.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. Gillen and Mrs. Wayne Proctor of Canon City; one son, Herbert L. Benson of Fort Collins; three brothers, William J. McIntyre of Sparta, David T. McIntyre of San Bernardino, California, and Harry A. McIntyre of Canon City; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Sparta; nine grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Canon City, Colorado.

Those attending the funeral from Sparta were her sister, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, and nieces, Mrs. Myrtle Mlotowski and Mrs. Robert Cole."

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Margaret McIntyre was the daughter of Nancy (Taggart) and William McIntyre of Randolph County, Illinois. William McIntyre was born in November 1841, in Balleymoney, Knockevellen, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He died 17 March 1907 at his farm home near Sparta, Illinois. Burial was in Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta. He married Miss Nancy Taggart on the 24 June 1866 at the Dervock Reformed Presbyterian Church in the Registrar's District of Balleymoney, Parish of Derrykeighan, County Antim, Northern Ireland. A photographic copy of the original marriage record was sent the writers by the Scot-Irish Historical Society, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

William McIntyre was the son of Margaret McConachie and Neal McIntyre also of County Antrim. The line of Neal McIntyre was traced for several generations in County Antrim. Before that early McIntyres lived in Scotland. (See McIntyre - Allied families)

Nancy Taggart was born in 1845 in Liscannon, Parish of Derrykeighan, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, and died 30 December 1880 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and William Montgomery near Sparta, Illinois. Burial was in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta. She was a daughter of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart of Luscannon. Mr. Taggart owned and operated a flax mill there. He later moved to Colaraine, a town near both the mill and Liscannon, according to a granddaughter Ida Horner who lived in Colaraine in 1961. When his daughter was married, John Taggart gave her many yards of linen. She brought this to America when she, her husband, and her little son immigrated to the United States in 1866 or 1867. In 1962 the wooden chest in which she brought the goods was believed to be in the possession of Rollo Bergfeld. (See Ross-Allied families)

The first son of Nancy and William McIntyre was born in County Antrim but the rest of their children were born on their farm near Eden or Sparta, Illinois. They were: Neil, John, William James, Nancy, Margaret, David Taggart, Robert Albert and Samuel Smiley McIntyre.

William and Nancy McIntyre settled near Sparta in what some histories spoke of as the "Irish settlement". It was true the people had migrated from Ireland, but in Northern Ireland, a part of England. Their ancestors had originally lived in Scotland. They had fled to County Antrim during the times of religious uprisings in Scotland and were of the Covenanter or Reformed Presbyterian faith. Margaret McIntyre remember that Scottish was spoken in the home when she was small.

Margaret McIntyre attended the Brick rural school near the McIntyre farm. She graduated from the Sparta High School and taught for three terms in the #10 rural school before her marriage. (Her own record).

Raised in a devout Reformed Presbyterian home, Margaret took part in the church's services in Sparta and later in the United Presbyterian and Bible Presbyterian Churches in Canon City.

Margaret McIntyre married Joseph Rice Benson, 18 September 1895 at the home of her brother Neil McIntyre near Sparta. The Rev. William John Smiley performed the ceremony before 50 guests. A dinner followed. The next day the newly married couple drove to their home on the Wes Nelson farm, a place they rented for crop rent for three years. The wedding gift from the bride's father and stepmother was a set of dishes; that from the groom's parents was a feather bed.

After her divorce from Joseph, Margaret moved with her three children into Sparta where they remained for a short time. On 30 November 1909 they left Sparta for Canon City, Colorado, stopping enroute to visit Rev. L. A. Benson¹⁴ and family in Clay Center, Kansas. They arrived in Canon City on 8 December 1909. Margaret worked to support herself and her family. After her children had finished high school, Margaret (McIntyre) Benson married Oliver Hurst on 1 March 1922 at her home at 705 River Street, Canon City, Colorado. Rev. Samuel Burgess of the First Christian performed the ceremony. Mr. Hurst was born in Selkirk, Canada and died 7 June 1957 at the Saint Thomas More Hospital in Canon City. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City. His first wife had died before he moved to Canon City. He had three grown children, two girls and a boy by that marriage.

Margaret Hurst was an active worker in her church until about three months before her death. She knitted for the Red Cross during both Wars and during the second World War she received a certificate in appreciation for her work. Margaret was active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She loved to travel and she and Mr. Hurst had visited his brother in Buffalo, New York twice. They also visited on the west coast.

Besse Russell Boyle, second wife of Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹ was born 22 February 1885 in Marissa, St. Clair County, Illinois. She was living in January 1963 at 2727 Lanning Avenue, Apt. A, Redding, Tehama County, California.

She was the daughter of Thompson Boyle, Sr., born 17 July 1832 in County Antrim, Northern Ireland and Margaret Russell, born 9 February 1848 Letter Henry, County Donegal, Ireland. They were married in 1871. Both were members of the United Presbyterian Church and both received their education in Ireland. There were eight children in the family - Thompson Jr, who married Sadie Dickey; Margaret; Jane D.; John; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Lively; Sarah; Besse Russell and Benjamin Boyle. Only Elizabeth, Besse and Benjamin were living in August, 1960. Mr. Boyle, Sr., was a farmer. He and his wife lived 3 miles south of Marissa, in Randolph County, Illinois.

Besse Boyle attended Pleasant Hill rural school and finished the eleventh grade in the Marissa High School. She was a classmate of Chantal Carter⁴². After her schooling, Besse taught school for several years at the Concord rural school. She was also a seamstress. In 1960 she was retired although she remained active in the work of her church, the Seventh Day Adventist, and her home.

Besse Boyle and Joseph Rice Benson were married 4 May 1909 in Larimore, Grand Forks County, North Dakota. After several moves, the Benson settled in Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Besse Boyle Benson was a member of the Woodman of the World Circle and the Rebekah Lodge, but she gave up her membership in the organizations in 1925 when she and Joseph became members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, a church that does not approve of secret organizations, she wrote.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Benson continued to live in the home they owned there for several years. She then rented the house, storing some of their things there, and went to Hinsdale where her children were in school. At Christmas time the house caught fire from an overheated coal and gas combination range. Much damage was done not only to the house but to the furniture and personal belongings stored in the house. After the fire Mrs. Benson sold the lot and the remains of the house. She and her family continued to live in Hinsdale until 1940 when they moved to Portland, Oregon. In January 1963 Mrs. Benson was living in an apartment in Redding, California.

The 25 February 1960 issue of the Sparta News-Plaindealer carried the following article of the death of Thompson Boyle Jr., a brother of Besse Boyle Benson. It was included here as it lists members of the family.

"Thompson Boyle, 84 died February 22nd at his home in Marissa after an illness of several years. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 24th at 2 p.m. at the Finger Funeral Home in Marissa with Rev. Dennis Saylor of Tilden United Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was made in the Marissa Cemetery.

"Mr. Boyle was born 3 miles south of Marissa in Randolph County on January 21, 1876, a son of the late Thompson Boyle and Margaret Russell Boyle. He married the former Sadie Dickey in St. Louis, April 15, 1915.

"Besides his wife he was survived by one brother Ben Boyle of Carthage, Ill., and two sisters; Mrs. Lizzie Lively of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Bessie Benson of California. Three sisters preceded him in death.

"Mr. Boyle retired from farming in 1943 when he moved to Marissa where he was employed at the Erb Food Market as a meat cutter for nine years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Tilden."

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Children (6) of Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹ and his first wife, Margaret (McIntyre) Benson.

56ⁱ Martha Viola Benson (19, 5, 1)

Born: 10 December 1898 in the Joseph Benson home at Inkster, Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

Living: She was living at her home 1234 Park Avenue, Canon City, Colorado in January 1963.

Married: Marion Timothy Gillen on 24 January 1922 at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Benson, 705 River Street, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. Rev. W. C. McCrory of the United Presbyterian Church read the single ring ceremony.

Children: (7) Marion Timothy "Tim" Jr., Margaret Jane; Herbert "Bud" Nash; Martha June, James "Jimmy" Patrick; William "Bill" Edward; and Alice Mae Gillen.

Martha Viola Benson was born 10 December 1898 in Inster, Grand Forks County, North Dakota. She returned to Illinois with her parents when about a year old. When she was of school age, she attended the Concord School, one originally started by her great grandmother, Eliza (McClure) Hughes; and attended by her grandmother, Martha Ross Hughes. The building was improved and moved closer to the L. A. Benson⁹ place. It was the school where Viola's uncles and her father¹⁹ received their start in education. In the fall of 1909 Viola attended the Sparta grade school for a few months. Later when her mother, sister and brother moved to Canon City, Colorado she attended the Washington, the Jefferson and finally the Four Mile schools. During her freshman year in high school, Viola suffered a long illness that left her far behind her classmates so she left school. She did however continue her education at home. She held a teachers certificate from the Sherwood School of Music. She gave piano lessons for several years before her marriage. After the children were grown, Viola learned to type and to play the cello.

With music as an important outside interest, it was not surprising that once the children were grown, Viola should once again take an interest in musical organizations in the community. She was a charter member of the Skyline Symphonic Choir, singing a rich alto. She was a member of the Canon City Music Club and served as its treasurer and later as its president. Viola was accompanist for a string group of the Music Club and later she played the cello for the group.

As a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Canon City, Viola took an active part in its work, serving as choir member or as pianist. In 1944 she withdrew from the United Presbyterian Church to become a Charter Member of the Bible Presbyterian Church. During 1957, 1958 and 1959 she served as the organist for the Church of Christ, Scientist, although she was not a member of the congregation nor in sympathy with its teachings.

Viola Benson was named "Martha" in honor of her grandmother, Martha Ross (Hughes) Benson. The name "Viola" had no special meaning her mother said, except that she just liked the name.

Martha Viola Benson and Marion Timothy Gillen were married 24 January 1922 at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Benson, 705 River Street, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. Rev. W. C. McCrory of the United Presbyterian Church read the single ring ceremony. Only families of the couple were present.

Marion Timothy Gillen was born 1 July 1881 in Evergreen, Avoylles Parish (county), Louisiana. He was the son of Ruth Jane (Fennell) and Harry Nash Gillen. Harry Nash Gillen was born in Saint Albans, Franklin County, Vermont on 17 November 1844 and died in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado on the 15 (?) February 1923. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Canon City. He had been a farmer all his life. At first a member of the Catholic Church, he later changed his religion to become a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In the fall of 1870 or 71, Harry Nash Gillen married Miss Ruth Jane Fennell in Florida. She was born 4 June 1950 in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida and was the daughter of Mary (Thompson) and Dempsey Fennell. She died in Canon City, Colorado on 23 January 1910. Burial was in the Lakeside cemetery there. The senior Fennells were born in Northern Ireland and immigrated to America where they settled in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida. They were members of the Baptist church.

Ruth Jane (Fennell) and Harry Nash Gillen had seven children. They were as follows: John Gillen; Mae Gillen who married a Mr. Stancliff and lived in Viola, Illinois; J. Calvin Gillen who was born 11 November 1876 in Evergreen, Louisiana, died 11 September 1959 in Canon City and was unmarried; Lillian Gillen; Marion Timothy Gillen; Alice Gillen who died when three years of age; Grace Gillen who married James Melvin Afflek in Canon City and had four children.

Before moving to Canon City in 1910, Harry Nash Gillen homesteaded on land some 80 miles south of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The land seemed to be worthless and he allowed it to be sold for taxes. In 1962 the same land was selling for \$1,000 to \$3,000 an acre.

Patrick "Pat" Gillen, father of Harry Nash Gillen and grandfather of Marion T. Gillen, was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1817. He died 16 February 1907 in Saint Albans, Franklin County, Vermont. He immigrated to America in 1837 and settled in Saint Albans where he was a member of the Catholic Church. In Vermont he met and married a Miss Thomas. The names of her parents were not known. However the Patrick Gillens had six children; Harry Nash Gillen; John Gillen; "Eddie" Gillen; Mary Gillen; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Gillen and Frances Gillen.

Marion Timothy Gillen moved to Canon City in 1908. His brother Calvin followed in 1909 while Grace and the parents arrived about 1912.

In addition to operating a small fruit farm in the Lincoln Park area south of Canon City proper, Marion Gillen was a guard at the Colorado State Penitentiary for over 27 years. He was on duty on the west gate at the time of the famed pen riot of 23 October 1929. The riot started at 12:20 p.m. just as the cons finished lunch. Before the riot ended several days later, eight guards and five cons had been killed. Mr. Gillen received only a flesh wound from a bullet. His location on the West Gate was a dangerous one first because the cons had planned to leave the pen by that gate and secondly the guard who did the whippings of unruly men was also on that gate. Needless to say he was marked by the cons as a guard "to get". Mr. Gillen retired from the work at the pen on 31 May 1953. He continued his gardening. In 1960 and in 1962 he suffered mild heart attacks and was compelled to limit his work.

Mr. Gillen was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, later called the Mountain View United Presbyterian after the nation wide merger of Presbyterian churches.

Children (7) of Martha Viola (Benson)⁵⁶ and Marion Timothy Gillen.

173ⁱ Marion Timothy "Tim" Gillen Jr. (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 17 October 1922 at the Graves Hospital, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Living: Living with his wife and children in Florissant, Missouri. His address was 2280 Mullanphy Road just outside of Saint Louis, in January 1963.

Married: Edith Maxine McClellan on 20 June 1942 in Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas.

Children: (3) Linda Sue; David Timothy and Edith Jane (Edye Jane).

Tim Gillen attended the Lincoln Park (McKinley) grade school and graduated from the Canon City High School in 1940. While in high school he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) and took part in Tiger Tales and the music groups. With two other boys in high school, Tim organized an ingenious and popular three-piece band that was much in demand for community entertainment. All instruments were homemade, a help during the

depression years. Tim's "cello" was made from a tub, a broom stick and a cord. It was amazing the amount of music the three boys managed to produce. They sometimes sang along with their playing. When Tim was in Junior High, he took the male part in the school operetta.

After graduating from high school, Tim attended Sterling College, a United Presbyterian College at Sterling, Kansas. There he majored in chemistry and lettered in both football and basketball. Because of a school-boy prank that involved putting a pig in the girl's dorm and a cow in the physics laboratory, several fellows were expelled from college. Among them was Tim.

The threat of World War II was very eminent and instead of returning to college, Tim married the young lady he had met at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, Miss Edith McClellan. They moved to Pueblo, Colorado where Tim was employed for ten months before he was called into service.

He entered the United States Army in 1942. Later while serving, Tim was to resume his college work by taking courses at the University of Maryland, German Branch.

After his army training, Tim served in England and in Germany and France as first sergeant of Company 'C', 714th Railway Operation Battalion.

After his discharge, Tim and his family returned to Pueblo where he worked again for a year with the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad but, deciding to make a career of the Army, Tim left the railroad and re-enlisted. He served with the United States Army and the Air Force Recruiting Service in Pueblo, Colorado, with the rank of Master Sergeant from 1948 to 1950.

He was transferred from Pueblo to Denver in 1950 and served as Sergeant Major of the Colorado Recruiting District. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps in June, 1951 and sent to Brooklyn, New York. From there he went to Korea as a First Lieutenant and was stationed in Panmunjun, Young Dong Po and Taejon, Korea. He also worked for sometime at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

In 1956 Lieutenant Gillen was advanced to the rank of Captain. Once again he was assigned to foreign duty in Germany but this time the privilege of taking his family. They had not been allowed to go with him the first tour. After the birth of their third child, Edith and the three children joined Tim there.

Captain Gillen worked primarily in personnel and administrative work while he was in the Army the first time. He served as an Adjutant for most of his commissioned service except for the 18 months in Korea, and the year at Fort Eustis when he was a Company Commander. He received the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal with clasp, eight service ribbons with four battle stars, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citations and five overseas bars. His Army serial number is 0993447. He participated in operations Little Switch, Big Switch and the Repatriation of non-communist prisoners of war. Returning to the U. S. he was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The family had returned to the states together on the Army transport ship, General Geiger, a smaller ship than the General Butner on which Mrs. Gillen and the three children had sailed on to Europe.

Captain Gillen was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia some six miles from Williamsburg where the family lived. In 1960 Captain Gillen was promoted to an instructor at the Army's Transportation School at Fort Eustas.

In 1961 Captain Gillen took an active part in a large scale logistical exercises. The Canon City Daily Record carried the following article:

CAPT. TIMOTHY GILLEN JOINS IN LOGEX 60 OPERATION AT FORT LEE

Army Capt. M. Timothy Gillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion T. Gillen, 1234 Park Aven., Canon City, Colorado participated in LOGEX 60, a large scale logistical exercise which was concluded last week at Fort Lee.

LOGEX 60, 12th in a series of annual logistical exercises, was the largest ever conducted and involved some 6,000 Army, Navy and Air Force personnel engaged in all conceivable command and staff aspects of logistical support of a combat force.

Captain Gillen entered the Army in 1942. He attended Sterling (Kan.) College, is married and has three children, Linda, David and Edith.

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In May 1961 Captain Gillen was transferred to a Camp just outside Saint Louis, Missouri to be a logistics instructor. The family was also transferred to Saint Louis. The Gillens purchased a home at Florissant, Missouri. However, Captain Gillen found he spent much of his time in Texas and the family again moved. This time to a warmer climate -- Texas. Late in 1962 Captain Gillen was promoted to the rank of Major, an advancement not expected for another year or two.

Mrs. Gillen, Linda, David and Edith Jane were present for the services and pinned the gold leaf on Major Gillen's uniform.

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NEW ASSIGNMENT IS GIVEN MAJOR TIMOTHY GILLEN

Major M. Timothy Gillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gillen, 1234 Park Avenue, Canon City, recently has been transferred from St. Louise, Missouri, where he was involved in the procurement of armament for U. S. Army helicopters.

Major Gillen has been appointed commanding officer of the Dallas Branch office, U. S. Army Procurement at Dallas, Texas. He expects to be joined there soon by his wife, Edith and three children, Linda, David and Edye Jane.

A 1940 graduate of Canon City High School, Major Gillen is a veteran of WWII, the Korean conflict and has over 20 years' service. His decorations include the bronze star medal, the good conduct medal with clasp and ten campaign ribbons. Recently he was commended by Lieut. General Frank S. Besson Jr., & Maj.Gen. N.L. Lind, Commanding General Rock Island Arsenal, "for actions that saved the Army over half a million dollars," in connection with this same program.

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In addition to his military work, Tim was a Mason, a Soujourner, a member of the Toastmasters, Eastern Star, and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of the National Defense Transportation Association, the Association of the United States Army and the Reserved Officers Association. On his retiring from service, Tim plans to teach.

Edith Maxine McClellan was born 23 November 1923 in Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas. She was one of four children of Amy (Cady) and Frank Tyndall McClellan. The other three children were boys. She traces her ancestry to the early Scottish crown.

Amy Cady was born 29 June 1884 in Lyndon, Whiteside County, Illinois, the only child of Emily (Cross) and Amos Cady. Frank Tyndall McClellan was born 17 February 1873 in Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas and was said to be the first white child born in that county.

The children of Amy (Cady) and Frank McClellan were: Finley Cady McClellan, born 8 January 1908 in Kinsley, Edward County Kansas; George R. McClellan, born 20 June 1911, in Kinsley, Kansas; Herman Lloyd McClellan born 1 June 1915 in Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas; and Edith Maxine.

George McClellan, brother of Edith was named for General George McClellan of Civil War fame who was a relative of the McClellans.

Edith McClellan graduated from the Cunningham Rural High School in 1941. She attended Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, where she met her future husband. She majored in Elementary Education and was active in the Young Women's Christian Association as well as other religious activities on the campus.

She and Tim Gillen were married in Cunningham.

When Edith returned the second time to Cunningham while Tim was overseas, she took part in various community activities. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Rebekahs, the Better Homes and Garden Club, a Brownie Scout Leader and the Women's Christian Association and was a member, with her husband, of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, Virginia.

After her husband had been sent over seas, Edith and the two children, Linda and David, waited at her home in Cunningham, Kansas until the expected third child was born. Then when "Edye Jane" was six months old, Edith, with the three children, left by car from Kansas to drive alone to New York where they would board the boat that would take them to Germany. Something of the pioneer spirit of womanhood must have had a place in Edith's make-up for even though she wasn't driving a conestoga wagon across the plains, she was surely faced with problems equally trying. Starting out from Kansas in July alone in a car with three small children - one a baby - would call for courage to say the least.

Edith and the children sailed from New York 6 July 1957 aboard the U. S. Navy ship the GENERAL BUTNER, arriving in Bremerhaven, Germany, they were met by Tim.

With Captain Gillen stationed in Germany 1957 - 1959, the Gillens lived in Pattonville, an American colony near Ludwigsburg, Germany. When Captain Gillen had time free from his military duties, the family took trips to Switzerland in 1957, to Holland in tulip time and to Brussels, Belgium for the 1958 World's Fair. They spent their vacation along the Mediterranean, visiting many interesting cities in Italy and in Austria. They visited the Varrara marble quarries where they bought tops for coffee tables. They had also taken guided tours into East Berlin. Returning to the United States, Edith was soon busy in church work and other activities. In Florissant, Missouri, she again found her place in church work. She also became a hostess for the Welcome Wagon International for North Saint Louis. The company also gave her an expense paid training course at the Welcome Wagon headquarters. Edith was a charming and gracious person.

Children (3) of Edith Maxine (McClellan) and Marion Timothy Gillen¹⁷³.

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Linda Sue Gillen (173, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 7 March 1947 at Corwin Hospital (Now St. Mary's-Corwin) in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Living: January 1963 with her parents in Florissant, Missouri.

Linda had attended elementary schools in Cunningham, Kansas; Williamsburg, Virginia and at Pattonville, Germany. Both she and her brother, David studied German in their school there as well as the regular courses. In 1963, she was a sophomore in high school and a very dependable and a very pretty young lady.

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David Timothy "Davie" Gillen (173, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 31 December 1950 at Corwin Hospital, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Living: January 1963 with his parents in Florissant, Missouri.

As a small child, David was chosen the cutest boy in Kingman County, Kansas. Like his sister, he studied German as well as the regular subjects while in Germany. In 1962 - 1963 school year, he was in the sixth grade and the class president. He was also a student council representative and first drummer in the school band.

In the fall of 1962, David suffered a severe head injury when thrown from a bike he was riding. The accident was serious enough that the Army flew Captain Gillen home from Texas. The boy seemed to recover completely after days of unconsciousness.

434ⁱⁱⁱ Edith Jane "Edye Jane" Gillen (173, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 9 November 1956 at Kingman Memorial Hospital, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas.

Living: January 1963 with her parents in Florissant, Missouri. Edye Jane was in kindergarten in 1962-63 and enjoyed it very much.

Children of Martha Viola (Benson)⁵⁶ and Marion T. Cillen, Continued.

174ⁱⁱ Margaret Jane Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 6 June 1924 at the family home on Walnut Street, Lincoln Park, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Died: 17 January 1926 while en route to Holmes Hospital, Canon City. Death was caused by choking from a dried bean that had lodged in her wind pipe. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City. She was 1 year, 7 months and 11 days of age when she died.

175ⁱⁱⁱ Herbert Nash "Buddy" Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 21 August 1925 at the family home on Walnut Street, Lincoln Park, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Living: He was living with his wife and children in Ulysses, Kansas in 1963.

Married: Lorina Marie Witty on 30 August 1948 in Adrian, Malheur County, Oregon.

Children: (8) A son still born, Barbara Marie, Colleen Lucille, Herbert Bruce, Richard Preston, John Wayne, Alice Louise and Shari Ann Gillen.

Herbert attended the McKinley grade school on Lincoln Park, Canon City, Colorado, Wilson Junior High School in South Canon and graduated from Canon City High School in 1943. In high school he took part in track, high school band and the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC). He attended Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, majoring in music. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in May 1949. It was while he was at Sterling College that "Bud" as he was called by his family, met Lorina Witty, the girl he married in 1948. Attending summer school sessions, Herbert received a Master of Arts Degree from Colorado State Teachers College at Greeley, Colorado in August 1954.

Herbert Gillen entered the Air Force branch of service in November 1943. His basic training was at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Missouri. He received additional training at Truax Field, Wisconsin, Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois and McClelland Field, near Sacramento, California. He was then sent to Overseas Replacement Depot at Salt Lake City, Utah. Young Gillen left from Fort Loughton, Seattle, Washington for duty in the South Pacific. He served at Mokolai in the Hawaiian Islands, at Canton Island in the Phoenix Island Group and Hickam Field, Honolulu, Hawaii. Later he was sent to San Francisco then to Fort Logan, where he was discharged in March 1946, after nearly three years of service in the Detached Communication Service, 7th Air Force 145th (American Airways Communication Service).

Part of the time he and his group were stationed on a tiny coral island that was barely large enough for an air strip. A communication center of great importance to the United States, it was one of the foremost stations on the Japanese air route. To the alertness of the men on "The Rock", many Japanese air raids were intercepted.

A beautiful island of palms and coral reefs, it soon became stripped of all vegetation by the Jap strafings. Even the inviting waters of the reefs around the island proved dangerous and many of the men returned with blood infections caused by the tiny coral that worked into cuts and scratches. Herbert was one of those men.

Herbert Gillen began his teaching careers as a music instructor in the Kansas public school system, first at Bloom, Fort County, then at Ford, Ford County, Kansas. In 1963 he was teaching his fifth year at Ulysses, Grant County, Kansas. In addition to the classes in the elementary, junior high and senior high school, Bud gave private lessons in instrumental work. He was also director of the Christian Church choir in Ulysses. He was a member of the Kansas State Teachers Association, Kansas Music Education Association, National Education Association, and Grant County Teachers Association. While teaching at Ford, young Gillen was a member of the Southwest Kansas Choir at Dodge City and was tenor soloist with the chorus. He was a member of the Christian Church and its choir director. In addition to classes at school, Herbert had private pupils. In 1962 the Herb Gillens built a new home and moved into it in the spring of that year.

Lorina Marie Witty and Herbert Gillen were married 30 August 1948 in Adrian, Malheur County, Oregon. The ceremony was held in the United Presbyterian Church of that city. The minister read the double ring service. Many guests and relatives were present.

Lorina was born 3 June 1927 in La Grande, Union County, Oregon. She was one of several children of Bonita (Teter) and Charles Witty. Brothers and sisters were: (list received too late to include here. See p. 216.)

Both Mr. and Mrs. Witty were school teachers. They made their home on a farm at Adrian, Oregon, a town almost on the Oregon-Idaho state line, in 1960. They were both living in January 1963.

Lorina Witty attended Sterling College where she met Herbert Gillen. She continued her work at the college after marriage and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Division of Education and Psychology from Sterling College in May 1949, even though she was expecting the birth of their first child. The child, a son, was born dead on 4 May 1949. It was discovered too late that Lorina's blood contained the RH negative factor.

A member of the Christian Church, Lorina was active in the Christian Women's fellowship and the Ulysses Music Club.

Children (8) of Lorina (Witty) and Herbert Nash Gillen¹⁷⁵.

i A son Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1) not named.

Born: 4 May 1949 in Sterling, Rice County, Kansas.

Died: At birth. Death was believed caused by RH blood factor.

435ⁱⁱ Barbara Marie Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1).

Born: 1 September 1950 in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. She was

Living: She was living with her parents in Ulysses, Kansas in 1963.

Barbara attended elementary schools in Ulysses, Grant County, Kansas. In 1958 it was discovered that the hearing in one ear was badly impaired. Proved to be cotton in the ear. She played a musical instrument.

436ⁱⁱⁱ Colleen Lucile Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1).

Born: 19 November 1951 in the hospital in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas.

Living: She was living with her parents in Ulysses, Kansas in 1963. Colleen attended elementary school in Ulysses, Grant County, Kansas. She played a musical instrument.

437^{iv} Herbert Bruce Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 10 December 1953 in the hospital, Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas.

Living: He was living with his parents in Ulysses, Kansas in 1963. He played a musical instrument.

Children of Lorena (Witty) and Herbert Nash Gillen¹⁷⁵, Continued.

438^v Richard Preston Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 23 May 1956 in the hospital in Dodge City Ford County, Kansas.

Living: He was living with his parents in Ulysses, Kansas in 1963.

439^{vi} John Wayne Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 29 October 1958 in Dodge City, Kansas.

Living: 1963 with his parents in Ulysses, Kansas.

440^{vii} Alice Louise Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 1 October 1960 at Dodge City Hospital, Dodge City, Kansas.

Living: 1963 with her parents in Ulysses, Kansas.

441^{viii} Shari Ann Gillen (175, 56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 30 November 1962 at Ulysses Hospital, Ulysses, Kansas.

Living: January 1963 with her parents.

Children of Martha Viola (Benson)⁵⁶ and Marion T. Gillen, Continued.

176^{iv} Martha June Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 23 October 1928 at the family home at 1120 Rudd Avenue, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Living: She was living with her husband in Chicago, Illinois in 1960.

Married: John Henry Gehringer, Jr. on 4 September 1955 in the First Presbyterian Church, Canon City, Colorado. Dr. Richard Sammon performed the double ring ceremony before some 200 guests.

Children: There were no children in September 1960.

June attended the McKinley grade school, Wilson Junior High School and was graduated from the Canon City High School in 1946. While in high school, June was a member of the school chorus and Girl Reserve. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church until 1948. She later was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Canon City and sang in its choir and taught in the Sunday School until her marriage in 1955. She won the Oratory Pin from the W.C.T.U. in 1947.

After finishing high school in January 1947 June was employed at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company in its Canon City office, first as an operator, and then as supervisor, payroll and schedule clerk in the Commerical Department as Business Office clerk until her marriage in 1955. She was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, serving as its president. She was a charter member of the Skyline Symphonic Choir and a soloist much in demand, possessing a very sweet mezzo soprano voice. After her marriage, she and her husband made their home in Chicago, Illinois where June continued her work with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in Chicago as a service representative, a position she still maintained in April 1962. In 1962 she was with the Telephone Company branch stationed at the air port.

John Henry Gehringer was born 29 September 1928 at the Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Margaret Anna (Schmittell) and John Adam Gehringer who lived in Chicago in 1955 but who later moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas for Mr. Gehringer's health. They were living there in 1960.

John Henry Gehringer attended the Mary Lyons grammar school in Chicago. He graduated from the Stienmetz High School there in 1946. During his high school days he was a star athlete, receiving first team letters for all four years in both track and football. In 1946 he entered Central State Teacher's College at Stevens Point, Wisconsin under the Navy's V-5 Program. He was later discharged because of a back injury received while playing high school football. John Gehringer underwent surgery for his back and after recovering, he was employed by the Western Electric Company.

Mr. Gehringer was inducted into the 5th Army at Chicago on 25 October 1950, and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado where he met his future bride. He served in the Ordnance Field Detachment 8183 Army Unit. He was sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland where he worked in the small arms school. He was returned to Fort Carson for a time then sent overseas. He saw active duty in Japan from 1951 to 1952. While there he was in charge of the small arms ordinance depot in Headquarters of the Southwest Command. John received his honorable release from the army in October 1952.

His Army service finished, John Gehringer chose to complete the Western Electric's Tool and Die Making course. He graduated from it in 1956. John had begun his employment with the Western Electric Company in Chicago in early 1953 and after his army service returned to the Company and continued there.

An avid hunter and gun collector, John developed an interest in gunsmithing. He did some work in a sports shop in Chicago owned by Paul Haberly, a former Canon City, Colorado man. It seemed to be through Mr. Haberly's introduction that John Gehringer met June Gillen. They were married on 4 September 1955. The Canon City Record carried the following article of the wedding.

"MISS MARTHA JUNE GILLEN BRIDE OF JOHN GEHRINGER AT CHURCH WEDDING

A lovely early fall wedding, held at the First Presbyterian church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 4, united in holy matrimony Miss Martha June Gillen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion T. Gillen of 1234 Park Avenue and John Gehringer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gehringer of Chicago, Illinois.

The impressive double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Richard Sammon against a background of palms, candelabra and a fan basket of white gladioli, which was the focal point.

The traditional wedding marches were played at the organ by Mrs. Matt Starck, who also accompanied Earoll Kissinger, Jr. as he sang "Because", "O Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride wore a lovely floor length gown of imported French lace and frosty nylon tulle over gleaming slipper satin. The long-sleeved sculptured bodice, made entirely of lace, was detailed with a tiny pointed collar. The extremely bouffant skirts, worn over hoops, was a cascade of lace edged tulle ruffles.

The fingertip veil of lace-bordered silk illusion fell in a circular sweep from a delicate pearl and paillette encrusted tiara.

All the fond traditions were carried out in the bridal outfit. The gown was the something new and a handkerchief borrowed from the bride's mother was the touch of blue. Mrs. Will Paxton loaned the bride a diamond bracelet which has been worn by 18 brides at their weddings and the penny in the bride's shoe was loaned by Shirley Nicholas.

The something old was a beautiful gold locket studded with diamonds which had belonged to the great-grandmother of the bride and was loaned to her for this important occasions by her grandmother, Mrs. Oliver Hurst.

White roses with streamers of white stephanotis formed the bridal bouquet and one of the stephanotis from this bouquet was taken to make the bridegroom's boutonniere.

"Miss Alice Gillen attended her sister as maid of honor and wore a frock of lime green. Her crescent bouquet was made of rust mums and the rust accent was repeated in her tiara.

"Miss Shirley Nicholas, the bridesmaid, wore an identical gown of rust with a lime green tiara and a crescent bouquet of lime mums.

"A lime green floor length dress was also worn by Linda Sue Gillen, niece of the bride, who served as candlelighter. Albert Proctor, cousin of the bride, was also a candle-lighter. David Gillen, the bride's nephew, was the ring bearer and Colleen and Barbara Gillen, nieces, were the flowergirls.

"Marion T. Gillen gave his daughter's hand in marriage.

"James Gillen, brother of the bride, was the best man. Ushers were Timothy Gillen and William Gillen, brothers of the bride, and Herbert Benson and Wayne Proctor, her uncles.

"The mother of the bride was gowned in blue crepe accessorized with white and navy. Her corsage was of pink roses.

"Immediately after the ceremony, the newlyweds were honored at a reception held in the church parlors. The bride's table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a four-tier wedding cake. Here the chosen bridal colors of rust and lime, appropriate to the fall season, were carried out. The cake was surrounded by an attractive arrangement of rust flowers and this center piece was flanked on either side by lime green tapers. Lime and rust mints completed the appointments.

"Mrs. Herbert Benson and Mrs. Wayne Proctor, aunts of the bride, served the cake to the guests and Mrs. Paul Kelley and Mrs. Juanita Gabler presided at the punchbowl. Miss Patricia Roche was in charge of the guest book and Miss Sally Roche assisted.

"Yellowstone National Park was chosen by the new Mr. and Mrs. Gehringer as the destination for their honeymoon trip. Later they will go to Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois to make their home.

"The bride a native of Canon City, is a graduate of Canon City high school. She is a talented musician much in demand as a vocalist, and is a member of the Skyline Symphonic Choir. Her sorority is Epsilon Sigma Alpha, which she has served as president.

"Before her marriage, she was employed at the Canon City office of the Mountain States telephone and Telegraph company.

"The bridegroom, a lifelong resident of Chicago, is a graduate of Stienmetz high school and of Michigan State University. His affiliations are the Hawthorne Hunting Club and the Peotone Chapter of Illinois.

"He served a tour of duty with the army, seeing active duty in Japan in 1951-52. He is now employed by Western Electric."

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"MR. AND MRS. WAYNE PROCTOR HOSTS AT WEDDING REHEARSAL DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Proctor presided over a family get-together and wedding rehearsal dinner honoring Miss June Gillen and John Gehringer on Saturday evening September 3. (from the Canon City Daily Record, September 5, 1955).

All of the members of the bridal party at the wedding the following day were members of the family except for Miss Shirley Nicholas and the gathering served the double purpose of being the first time in several years that the family had been together all at one time. * * * * *

The only family members who were not able to be present were Miss Margaret Ann Benson, daughter of the Herbert Bensons, who is in Oakland, Calif. working on her dietetic internship; and Tom Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Proctor, who, with his wife and daughter, is in Berlin with the U. S. Army. * * * * *

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Children of Martha Viola (Benson) and Marion T. Gillen, Continued.

177^v James "Jim" Patrick Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 10 February 1932 at the Colorado Hospital (formerly the Graves Hospital but then under the supervision of the Drs. D. A. & J. G. Shoun) at Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Living: Living with his wife in Longmont, Colorado in 1963.

Married: Martha Lee White on 17 August 1957 at the First Methodist Church in Canon City. The Rev. Louis F. Haruf performed the ceremony.

Children: None in January 1963.

James Gillen attended McKinley grade school and Wilson Junior High School. He graduated from the Canon City High School in 1950 where he took part in the mixed chorus for the three years; boy's glee club, his sophomore year; junior class play his junior year; Tiger Tales in his sophomore and junior years. Christmas program, junior year and R.O.T.C. He was corporal in the last of his sophomore year.

He attended Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas for two years before being drafted into the Army.

After his army service, Jim returned to Sterling for his third year of college work. He transferred to Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado for his senior year. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in General Social Studies on 15 August 1957. On August 1960 he received his Master's Degree in Political Science and American History at Colorado State Teachers College. He began his teaching career as Social Studies and American History teacher at the Longmont High School, Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado. He was a member of the Colorado Educational Association.

James Gillen entered army service at Denver, Colorado, 12 September 1952 and received basic training at Camp Roberts, California. He left Camp Stoneman, California, Port of Embarkation for the Far East, serving in Japan and Okinawa in Army Information Headquarters, Co. 29th, Regimental Combat Team. He received his release from service 27 August, 1954 at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. His service serial number was US 55177106.

On 17 August 1957 he married Martha Lee White at the First Methodist Church, Canon City, Colorado. Rev. Louis F. Haruf performed the ceremony before several hundred friends and relatives.

MISS MARTHA LEE WHITE MARRIED TO JAMES P. GILLEN
IN DOUBLE RING SERVICE AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The First Methodist Church of Canon City was the setting for the lovely late summer wedding which united Miss Martha Lee White and James P. Gillen, both of Canon City, in marriage Saturday evening, August 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. L. P. White of 1513 Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gillen of 1234 Park.

Mr. White led his daughter down the aisle to the altar which provided an impressive background for the exchange of nuptial vows in a double ring service performed by the Rev. Louis Haruf.

Upon the altar rested an open Bible with white carnations and stephanotis at either side. Flanking the altar were palms, candelabra containing 21 white tapers and baskets of white gladioli tied with blue and gold satin ribbons.

Miss Alice Gillen, sister of the bridegroom, was the soloist, singing "One Alone" and "The Lord's Prayer" and accompanied at the organ by Mrs. E. R. Sharman, who also played appropriate nuptial selections.

The bride's pretty gown of white crystollette was styled with a molded bodice with three-quarter length sleeves adorned with bows and a rounded neckline outlined with iridescent sequins. The full skirt was waltz length. Her outfit contained all the necessary items to conform to bridal tradition, including the penny in her shoe.

Her flowers were a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

Mrs. Eugene Stogsdill of Denver, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and wore a blue taffeta frock with short sleeves on the fitted bodice which buttoned down the front with tiny pearls and featured a waltz length skirt.

Her headband of yellow pompoms matched her bouquet of the same flowers.

Miss Carol Kay White, another sister, was the bridesmaid and wore an identical ensemble to that of the matron of honor with the exception of her headband and bouquet, which were of gold pompoms.

Miss Cheryl White, the flower girl, wore a gold taffeta frock of the same design as the other attendants and a gold pompom headband.

James Cox, a friend, served the bridegroom as best man and Herbert Gillen and Don White were the ushers.

The mother of the bride wore a light blue dress with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. The mother of the bridegroom was attired in black, accessorized with white and accented with a red roses corsage.

The solemnization of the wedding was immediately followed by a reception held in the church parlors where cake and punch were served to the guests from a beautifully appointed reception table. The three-tier wedding cake was surrounded with a base of greenery and gladioli and a bouquet of pink gladioli was set on ivory satin streamers to enhance the loveliness of the setting. Other appointments picked up the blue, gold and white chosen by the bride as her color scheme.

Mrs. William Fleming served the wedding cake and Mrs. Donald White the punch. Miss Cheryl White was in charge of the guest book.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Gillen honeymooned at Daven Haven Lodge at Grand Lake until August 25, when they went to Longmont where they have established their home at 1012 Venice.

The bride, a 1952 graduate of Canon City high school, received her AB degree from Colorado State College at Greeley and is now a teacher at Longmont.

The bridegroom served two years in the armed forces after graduating from Canon City high school with the class of 1950, attending Sterling College at Sterling, Kansas, and receiving his AB degree from Colorado State College at Greeley. He, too, is now associated with the faculty in the Longmont schools.

Both families are well known in Canon City as Gillen is a native of this community and his wife has been a resident here for 14 years.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gillen of Ulysses, Kansas, Jack McDaniel of Dearborn, Michigan, Mrs. Josephine Miskowiec of Boulder, Miss Olga Miskowiec of Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stogsdill of Denver, Miss Carol Kay White of Denver, Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Greeley, Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Pueblo, Mr. and Mrs. Donald White and Cheryl of Guffey.

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Martha and James Gillen were living first at 1334 Venice Street, Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado. In 1959 they bought a home at 1808 Spruce and were living there in 1963.

Martha Lee White was born 21 April 1934 at Crestone, Saguache County, Colorado. She was the daughter of Alice C. (Montgomery) and Loren Pratt White of 1513 Greenwood Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

Alice C. Montgomery was born 22 September 1897 in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, a town in the extreme southeastern tip of the state.

She was the daughter of Sarah () and Montgomery. Mrs. Sarah Montgomery lived in Greenleaf, Kansas, December 1958. Alice C. Montgomery died at the St. Thomas More Hospital, Canon City, Colorado, 29 December 1958 at the age of 61 years. Death from cancer followed two years of poor health. The last four months were spent in the hospital.

According to the Montgomery family, they were descendants from the same line of ancestors as was General Montgomery of England.

Alice Montgomery moved to Colorado in 1922 and had lived in the state for 36 years. She married Loren Pratt White in the First Methodist Church in Buena Vista, Chaffee County, Colorado in 1922. She and her husband moved to Canon City from Cripple Creek in 1945. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Lydia Circle.

"MRS. L. P. WHITE SUCCOMBS MONDAY IN LOCAL HOSPITAL
(From CANON CITY DAILY RECORD Monday, December 29, 1958)

Alice Montgomery White, 61, wife of L. P. White, 1513 Greenwood Avenue, died at a local hospital Monday morning. She had been sick the past two years and seriously ill the past four months.

Mrs. White was born September 22, 1897 in Fall City, Neb. She married L. P. White in 1922 at Buena Vista.

She came to this community 13 years ago from Cripple Creek and to Colorado about 36 years ago. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband and five children, Don White of Guffey, Mrs. Norma Jean Fleming of Pueblo, Mrs. Barbara Stogvill of Denver, Mrs. Martha Gillen of Longmont and Miss Carol Kay White of Denver.

Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. Sarah Montgomery of Greenleaf, Kansas, four grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. E. Niggren of Kansas City, Mo. and two brothers, Albert Montgomery of Goshland, Mo. and Arnold Montgomery of Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral arrangements will be made later under the direction of Wilson Mortuary."

"FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. ALICE WHITE
(From CANON CITY DAILY RECORD, Thursday, January 1, 1959)

Funeral services of Mrs. Alice C. White of 1513 Greenwood Avenue were held from Wilson Drawing Room Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Louis Haruf officiating.

Merle Wilson sang 'Goodnight and Good Morning' and was accompanied by Mrs. Nelson Moorhead on the organ.

Pallbearers were John Skoglund, Lauren Tuttle, Clarence Tipton, Ralph Monell, Lawton Anderson and Grant Adkisson.

Mrs. Jim Wilson and Mrs. George Schuster were in charge of the beautiful floral display.

The Lydia Circle of the Methodist church attended in a group.

Interment was in Lakeside cemetery."

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OBITUARIES: ALICE C. WHITE

(From THE SUN, Thursday, January 8, 1959)

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice C. Montgomery White were held from the Wilson drawing room at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 31, with the Rev. Louis Haruf officiating.

Merle Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Moorhead, sang 'Good Night and Good Morning'.

Mrs. White was born in Fall City, Nebr., on September 22, 1897 and died at a local hospital Monday, December 29. She was 61 years of age at the time of her death. She had been ill for the past two years and hospitalized for the past four months.

She moved to Canon City from Cripple Creek where her husband had been engaged in hard rock mining.

In 1922, in the First Methodist Church in Buena Vista, she was married to L. P. White who survives.

Also surviving are the following children, Don White, Guffey; Mrs. Norma Jean Fleming, Pueblo; Mrs. Barbara Stogville, Denver; Mrs. Martha Gillen, Longmont and Miss Carol Kay White, Denver. Also surviving are four grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Sarah Montgomery of Greenleaf, Kansas, a sister and two brothers, Mrs. Eva Nygren, Kansas City, Mo., Albert Montgomery, Goshland, Mo., and Arnold Montgomery, Wichita, Kansas.

Pall bearers were John Skoglund, Lauren Tuttle, Clarence Tipton, Ralph Monell, Lawton Anderson and Grant Adkisson.

Mrs. Jim Wilson and Mrs. George Schuster were in charge of the flowers. Burial was in Lakeside cemetery."

Loren Pratt White was engaged in hard rock mining in Cripple Creek, Teller County, Colorado before moving to Canon City in 1945.

Alice (Montgomery) and Loren P. White had five children: Don White who lived in Guffey, Colorado in 1958; Norma Jean who married Eugene Stogvill and was living in Denver in 1958; Martha Lee who married James Gillen and was living in Longmont in 1963; and Carol Kay White who lived in Denver in 1958. Mr. White married a second time.

Martha Lee White graduated from the Canon City High School in 1950. During high school she took an active part in Rainbow for Girls, was a cheer leader in high school and a sponsor for R.O.T.C. She enrolled at Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado and graduated in May 1956, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. While in college she was a member of the Associated Women Students.

She taught in Denver during the 1956-57 term. After her marriage, she taught the third grade in one of the elementary schools in Longmont. She was a member of the Colorado Education Association.

Children of Martha Viola (Benson) and Marion T. Gillen, Cont.

178^{vi} William "Bill" Edward Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 20 January 1936 at the family home 1451 Sherman Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

Living: 1963

Unmarried:

Bill attended the McKinley elementary school and the Wilson Junior High School. He graduated from the Canon City High School in 1956.

As a child, William suffered rheumatic fever and was unable to attend school for one year. From 1956 to 1957 young Gillen helped on the ranch. In 1958 his health became such that it was necessary for him to spend considerable time in the hospital. In school he showed a great deal of interest in history and an aptitude toward art.

179^{vii} Alice Mae Gillen (56, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 16 September 1937 at the family home 1451 Sherman Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

Living: At home with her parents in 1963.

Alice attended McKinley elementary school, Wilson Junior High School and graduated in 1955 from Canon City High School. She made an outstanding record in the business courses she took, winning numerous awards for her speed in typing.

After graduation, she started to work in the office of the Daily Record. In 1957 and 1958 she was bookkeeper and in 1959 she was advanced to office manager. 20 October 1960 The Daily Record carried an article and a picture of Alice Gillen and another young lady in the office of the Record. The paper wrote of the two girls as follows:

"Most everyone who comes into the Daily Record office talks to one of the two gals pictured above before they see anyone else. And for most that's enough -- and small wonder. Both Miss Alice Gillen and Miss Shirley Yelton are attractive young ladies, efficient and pleasant in the dispatch of the business they handle at the front counter.....

"Alice Gillen is the head bookkeeper and office manager. As such she makes out the payroll (is popular with every member of the organization) and the reports demanded by different government agencies.

"Neither (girl) is married, but nevertheless each seems to be expected to remember where everything is supposed to be or is, keep tab on parking meters out front, balance the temperature with the door open or closed, and generally do other wife-like duties for the males that otherwise occupy the front office.

"Alice has been with the Record since she was graduated from Canon City High School in 1955. She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gillen at 1234 Park.

"From a musical family, Alice sings very well, often is invited to solo for choirs about town. She plays the piano and enjoys good music.

"Nippy' is a 4-year old horse that Alice rides and owns, and she enjoys skiing and tennis.

"A member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Alice has been active in all types of church work. She has served as Junior High Sunday School Supt. and S. S. teacher for a number of years.

"Social activities include being secretary of Altrusa Club (later vice president) and a past term as corresponding secretary of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. (She held an office in 1963.)

The above article by the Daily Record told much of the ability and work of Alice. It failed to say she was a slender blond with blue eyes.

Children of Margaret (McIntyre) and Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹, continued.

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A daughter was born to Margaret (McIntyre) and Joseph Rice Benson about 1900. The infant was still born and was not named. She was buried in small cemetery on the Lewis Benson¹⁴ farm.

THE L.A. BENSON HOME



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Children of Margaret (McIntyre) and Joseph "Joe" Rice Benson¹⁹, Cont.

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Mary Blanche Benson (19, 5, 1)

Born: 29 March 1901 on the Lewis Benson⁵ farm, some four miles south of Sparta, Illinois, in Randolph County.

Died: 7 October 1961 at Saint Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. Death occurred at 10:30 a.m. following surgery to remove ulcers. Funeral services were held 10 October 1961 at the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Carl Durbin conducted the service. Burial was in the Lakeside Cemetery in Canon City, Colorado.

Married: Wayne Eugene Proctor on 15 May, 1926 at the pastor's study in the United Presbyterian Church, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. The Rev. John B. Porter performed the ceremony.

Children: (2) Wayne Thomas "Tom"; and Albert Eugene Proctor.

Blanche Benson was named "Mary" for a great Aunt Mary (Hughes) McIntyre (Mrs. James). The great Aunt Mary was a sister of Martha Ross (Hughes) Benson, Blanche's grandmother. Blanches great uncle, James McIntyre was also a great uncle on her mothers side.

As a child, Blanche Benson attended the Concord rural school. Later she entered the elementary school in Sparta, Illinois. In November 1909 she moved to Canon City, Colorado with her mother, sister Viola⁵⁶ and brother Herbert⁵⁸. After visiting an uncle in Kansas, the family arrived in Canon City on 8 December 1909. They lived at 501 Forest Avenue. Blanche attended the third and fourth grades at the old Washington school. A new building, Jefferson, was opened in the north part of town and both Viola⁵⁶ and Blanche went there until the family moved to Mrs. Benson's brother's home in the Four Mile District. The girls then attended Four Mile school and Blanche completed the 5th and 6th grades. The family moved back into town and the girls attended Washington school again. The Bensons lived at 1332 Main Street and Blanche attended the Canon City High School on the corner of 9th Street and College Avenue. She graduated from Canon City High School in 1919.

1919 was the year of the severe flu epidemic of World War I reached Canon City. All churches, movies and schools were closed. The senior class kept up its class work in order to graduate that spring. Each student and teacher was required to wear cloth masks over their nose and mouth.

After completing a business course at the Hart Business College in Canon City, Blanche Benson worked first for the Hodgin-Sherman Insurance and Reality Company for a number of years. She worked for the First National Bank and then for the last eleven years of her life she was employed by the Steinmeyer, Steinmeyer and Rodgers Law firm, one of the oldest firms in southern Colorado. She served as office manager as well as doing the usual dictation and typing of legal papers. In recognition of her work the Canon City Daily Record under the date of 26 April 1958, ran an article and a picture about Blanche (Benson) Proctor. The article is as follows:

FIRST LADY IN HER OFFICE

Mrs. Blanche Proctor, wife of Wayne Proctor, secretary and office manager since May 1950 at the Stinemeyer and Stinemeyer law firm, was born in Sparta, Illinois.

After coming to Canon City, Mrs. Proctor attended the elementary schools, high school and the Hart's Business College. She worked for Hodgkin and Sharman, a pioneer real estate, insurance and loan firm for about 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor have two sons - Tom who teaches art in the public schools of Wenatchee, Washington and Albert a sophomore in Canon City High School.

She is parliamentarian for the Royal Gorge Chapter of NSA, and a member of the Skyline Choir.

Her boss Ed Stinemeyer won the "Boss of the Year" award for 1958.

- - - Canon City, Colorado, Daily Record
April 26, 1958

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Mrs. Proctor was interested in music. She was a member of the choir of the United Presbyterian (later Mountain View United Presbyterian) church and the Symphonic Chorus. She served as a soloist for many programs.

She was a charter member of the Royal Gorge Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, serving two years as the group's president. In 1960 she was appointed membership chairman for her chapter. In recognition of her work, Blanche was appointed the National Achievement Chairman at the group's International Convention held in Los Angeles in July 1961. She was privileged to attend the meetings as a Colorado delegate.

In 1957 an article by Mrs. Proctor "My Boss", won for Mr. E. H. Stinemeyer the National Secretaries "Boss of the Year" award for Canon City.

The pictures of Mrs. Proctor and Mr. Stinemeyer together with an article on the award appeared in the Canon City Record on 25 April 1957 as follows:

STINEMEYER NAMED "BOSS OF THE YEAR"

Canon City's newly organized chapter of the National Secretaries Association honored their bosses and their wives at a banquet Tuesday evening at the Riverside dining room. The feature of the evening was the announcement of the winner of the "Boss of the Year" contest. The contest also included the naming of the "Secretary of the Year".

E. H. Stinemeyer was named the ideal "boss" and Mrs. Ruth Hayhurst won the designation in the secretaries competition. Decisions in each case were made on letters written by bosses and secretaries extolling the virtues of employers and employees. The judges in this unusual but interesting competition were Judge C. A. Fredrickson, Mrs. T. R. York and Joe Dewhurst. Judge Fredrickson made the presentations at the close of the banquet.

Mrs. Blanche Proctor had the honor of writing the letter which won for her boss, E. H. Stinemeyer, and J. Stump Witcher was the author of the letter which won for his secretary, Mrs. Ruth Hayhurst. Mrs. Proctor was chairman of the awards committee.

The Royal Gorge Chapter was organized last September and the membership is open to women with at least two years experience as a secretary and who is now actively engaged as such. Some of the aims of the organization are to elevate the standards of secretarial work; to unite the women for their mutual benefit, promote the work of women in business and assist in cooperation with civic organizations.

- - The Sun, Thursday, April 25, 1957

Note: The paper carried a picture of E. H. Stinemeyer, "Boss of the Year" and his secretary, Mrs. Blanche Proctor.

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In the spring of 1961 Blanche Proctor was awarded the National Secretaries honor of Secretary of the Year. The Canon City Daily Record of 4 May 1961 carried the following article:

BOSS AND SECRETARY OF YEAR AWARDS TO STUMP WITCHER, MRS. PROCTOR

The Royal Gorge Chapter of the National Secretaries Association bestowed honors as boss of the year and secretary of the year on John Stump Witcher and Mrs. Wayne (Blanche) Proctor at a banquet Tuesday night at the Paradise restaurant.

Witcher, Canon City attorney and county attorney for Fremont County, was presented as the 1961 "Boss of the Year" by Ralph P. Monell, RE-1 superintendent of school, who reigned as the boss of the year in 1959.

Mrs. Proctor, secretary for the firm of Stinemeyer and Stinemeyer, was presented as 1961 "Secretary of the Year" by Mrs. Jane McMorrine, CPS, secretary for the Petroleum Geophysical Company in Denver.

This was the fifth annual boss-secretary banquet sponsored by the Royal Gorge Chapter of the secretaries' association which includes Canon City and Florence. Sixty-four members, husbands, employers, wives and guests attended.

The invocation was given by C.A. Fredrickson. A welcome was presented by Mrs. Helen Paulson, president of the Royal Gorge Chapter. Monell gave the response.

A skit, "Strata Spheres," written by Miss Mary Matteson, was presented by the Colorado-Wyoming-Montana Division, 1960-61 Education Committee. Members of this committee are Miss Mary Matteson, Mrs. Jane McMorrine, Mrs. Ethel Truitt, Miss Vivian Chervany and L. L. Via, all of Denver.

The theme "A Toast to My Boss" was carried out in pastel green and silver champagne glasses as decorations and place cards with programs and sweet pea flower arrangements adorned the tables.

The traditional American Beauty rose bouquet, NSA flower, was won by Mrs. Harrison Hawthorne.

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Blanche Benson Proctor was an active member of the United Presbyterian Church all of her life. She was a member of the choir for many years and did much solo work. She was also a member of Gloria Dei, the young womens missionary group. In addition, Blanche had served on the flower and other committees.

On October 5, 1961, Mrs. Proctor underwent major surgery at the Saint Thomas More Hospital in Canon City for the removal of ulcers. One was deeply embedded in the pancreas. The strain of the operation proved too much for the heart and she passed away 7 October 1961 at 10:30 a.m. Funeral services were held in the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church (the former United Presbyterian) on 10 October 1961 at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Carl Durbin officiated. Burial was in the Lakeside Cemetery in Canon City. The church could not hold all her many friends and the many, many flowers were an indication of the love and respect the community held for Blanche. The following article, from the Canon City Daily Record of 7 October 1961, told something of Blanche's life.

MRS. WAYNE E. (BLANCHE) PROCTOR,
RESIDENT FOR 52 YEARS, SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Blanche Proctor wife of Wayne E. Proctor, 845 Ussie Avenue resident of Canon City for 52 years, died Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in a local hospital where she was admitted three days prior. Mrs. Proctor had undergone major surgery on Thursday. She was 60 years old.

Funeral services will be held from the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Carl C. Durbin will officiate and interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery.

Mary Blanche Benson was born March 29, 1901, at Sparta, Ill. the daughter of Joseph R. and Margaret McIntyre Benson. The family moved to Colorado in 1909, settling in Canon City. She was graduated from Canon City High School in 1918, and following, attended

Hart's Business School in Canon City. Since, she had held secretarial positions in prominent business firms in Canon City. The past eleven years she had been office manager and secretary at Stinemeyer and Stinemeyer law offices.

Mrs. Proctor was a life-long member of the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church and had been a member in the choir of that church for many years. She also was a member of the Canon City Skyline Choir for a number of years.

A member of the Royal Gorge Chapter, National Secretaries Association, Mrs. Proctor held the office of president for two terms, 1958 and 1959. For the year 1960-61, she was elected member of the achievement committee for the local chapter, N.S.A., and in August this year attended the National Secretaries convention meeting in Los Angeles, where she was appointed National achievement committee chairman. Mrs. Proctor was chosen 1960-61 "Secretary of the Year."

On May 15, 1926, she was married to Wayne Eugene Proctor at the United Presbyterian Church in Canon City. Two sons were born to this union, both of whom survive, Wayne Thomas of Pleasant Hill, California and Albert Eugene, student at Pueblo Junior College.

Surviving in addition to her husband and sons, are a sister, Mrs. M. T. Gillen of Canon City; a brother, Herbert L. Benson of Fort Collins; three grandchildren; an aunt, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Sparta, Illinois and numerous nieces and nephews.

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An article in the same paper on 11 October 1961, told of the services held. A picture of Blanche was also included.

SERVICES ARE HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON FOR MRS. PROCTOR

Funeral services for Mrs. Wayne E. Proctor, late of 845 Ussie Avenue, were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Mountain View Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Carl Durbin officiating. The church was filled to capacity and there were profusions of flowers.

Mrs. Ira Sanger, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Sharman, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Twenty-third Psalm."

Pallbearers were Frank Stinemeyer, Roger Breyfogle, Howard Todd, Reed Morris, Bud Kissinger, and Ray Shoop. Flower bearers were Mrs. Edna Hinman, Mrs. Ruth Hayhurst, Mrs. Elvira Brown, Mrs. Carl Weinheimer, Mrs. Reed Morris and Mrs. Howard Todd.

Members of the Royal Gorge Chapter of the National Secretaries Association attended services in a body.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery under direction of the Wilson Mortuary.

Relatives from out-of-town attending the services for Mrs. Wayne Proctor were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Proctor and family, Pleasant Hill, California; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Benson, Fort Collins; Mrs. Margaret Ann Morjig, Fremont, California, Mr. and Mrs. James Gillen, Longmont; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, all of Sparta, Illinois; Mrs. Dollie Head, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller of Ottawa, Kansas.

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In November 1961, the National Secretaries Association told of the Living Memorials in memory of Mrs. Proctor. The news report of the meeting follows:

President Mrs. Ruth Hayhurst presided at the October meeting of the National Secretaries Association (International) held in the Home Demonstration office at the courthouse. Routine business was completed.

The chapter was saddened by the death of Mrs. Wayne Proctor. A letter of sympathy was read from Mrs. Jane E. McMorrine, president of the Colorado, Wyoming, Montana division. In the letter Mrs. McMorrine said, "All of us feel very fortunate for having had the opportunity to know and love Blanche, and her fine spirit and example will continue to guide us." Other expressions of sympathy were read from surrounding chapters. The local chapter and several others have made contributions to the Living Memorials in memory of Mrs. Proctor.

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Because of the many relatives and friends of Mrs. Proctor's who lived in the Sparta, Illinois area the Sparta News -- Plaindealer under the date of 19 October 1961, published the following:

MRS. PROCTOR, NATIVE OF SPARTA, DIES IN COLORADO SATURDAY

Mrs. Wayne Proctor, nee Blanche Benson, died Saturday, October 7, in St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Colorado, following major surgery on Thursday, October 5th.

Funeral services were held in the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Carl C. Durbin, with interment at Lakeside cemetery.

Mrs. Proctor, the former Mary Blanche Benson, was born in Sparta on March 29, 1901, the daughter of Joseph R. and Margaret McIntyre Benson. The family moved to Colorado, settling in Canon City, where she graduated from the Canon City High School and later attended Harts Business School in Canon City. The past 11 years she has been office manager and secretary at Stinemeyer and Stinemeyer law offices.

Mrs. Proctor was a life-long member of the Mountain View United Presbyterian Church, a member of the church choir, and a member of the Canon City Skyline Choir for a number of years. She was a member of the Royal Gorge Chapter, National Secretaries Association, and held the office of President for two years, 1958-59. She was chosen 1960-61 "Secretary of the Year."

She was married on May 15, 1926, to Wayne E. Proctor, who survives. She is also survived by two sons, W. Thomas of Pleasant Hills, Calif., and Albert E., a student at Pueblo Junior College; one sister, Mrs. M. T. Gillen of Canon City; one brother, Herbert L. Benson of Fort Collins; three grandchildren; an aunt, Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Sparta, and three uncles, W. J. McIntyre of Sparta, David T. McIntyre of San Bernardino, California, and Harry A. McIntyre of Canon City.

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Wayne Eugene Proctor, husband of Mary Blanche (Benson)⁵⁷, was born 26 May 1899 at the farm home of his parents north of Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas. He was living at his home at 845 Ussie Avenue, Canon City, Colorado in May 1963. Wayne was the son of Mrs. Hulda Matilda (Keller Wilder) and Thomas York Proctor. His parents had a second son, unnamed, who was born 22 November 1900 in Burlington, Kansas. The baby died 10 December 1900.

Mrs. Wilder was a widow with children by her first husband and Mr. Proctor was a widower who also had children by his first wife. Because of the three sets of children in the family, it was sometimes hard to follow the line of children.

Thomas Proctor was born in 1858 in Pennsylvania. The names of his parents were not given, but they and their son Thomas moved to Kansas in 1862. Much later Thomas York Proctor and his own family were to move on west to Canon City, Colorado. He died there on 10 May 1924. Mr. Proctor was a member of the Nazarene church. He was buried in the Lakeside cemetery in Canon. The name of Mr. Proctor's first wife was not known but she must have died in Kansas. Before her death, she bore four children. They were Thomas York Proctor Jr. who married and was living in Mederia, California in 1961. Wayne Proctor, his half brother visited him there in 1960. A second child was Levi Proctor of whom little was known. Bessie Proctor who married Sam Crowder was next. They had four children, Ruth, Velma, Dorothy and a son whose name was not known. Bessie Crowder ~~died in Colorado in 1962~~. The fourth child was Dolly Proctor who married a Mr. Galbraith. There were children but their names were not given. So much for the family of the first Mrs. Thomas Proctor.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Proctor married Mrs. Hulda Matilda (Keller) Wilder, the widow of Calvin Wilder. The marriage took place on the 25 August 1897 in Anderson County, Kansas. It was said that he first met Mrs. Wilder, who lived in the adjoining county in Kansas, while he was driving cattle past her farm.

Mrs. Wilder was born Hulda Matilda Keller in Anderson County, Kansas not far from the town of Williamsburg, Kansas. Williamsburg was across the county line in Franklin County however. She was the daughter of Waiteann (Flint) and John Paul Keller. She died 21 June 1941 at the home of her son, Wayne E. Proctor, 845 Ussie Avenue, Canon City, Colorado. Burial was in ~~lived in California 1963~~

Lakeside Cemetery there. She had been a member of the Nazarene Church. Married twice, Matilda was an active woman all her life and even in her later years she walked a great deal. A tall woman, she held herself erect, with her shoulders back.

The father of Matilda Keller and the grandfather of Wayne E. Proctor, was John Paul Keller, who was born about 1832 of German parents who lived along the River Rhine in Germany. John Paul Keller immigrated to the United States about 1849, when he was about 18 years of age, in order to avoid the three years of compulsory military training required in Germany. It was not known if young Keller made the trip on the spur of the moment or if he had planned it for sometime. However later members of the family said that he went to the warf one morning, got a job on a ship sailing for America and was on his way. After landing in New York, Mr. Keller went on to Pennsylvania. Later he moved west and settled in Anderson County, Kansas.

It was not known if young Keller married in Pennsylvania or in Kansas, but he did marry twice, first Waiteann Flint who bore him four children and secondly her sister, Jane Flint who bore him two children. Mr. Keller died April 1885 at the age of 53 years in Williamsburg, Franklin County, Kansas.

The parents of Waiteann and Jane Flint were not given but they were living in Kansas when the girls met Mr. Keller. The four children of Waitann (Flint) and John Paul Keller were Lewis, Rose, Mary and Hulda Matilda Keller. After the death of Waiteann, Mr. Keller married her sister Jane. She and Keller had two children, Martha Jane and John Paul Keller Junior.

More information of the children of the second wife was given by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Proctor, probably because they visited in the Proctor home more frequently. A brief outline of the children of J. P. Keller Sr. and his second wife was given by the Proctors.

Children of Jane (Flint) and John Paul Keller Sr.: First, Martha Jane Keller, born April or June 1876 in Kansas, and married Bert Beasley. They had one child, Paul Beasley who married first Blanche Raynolds who was born 3 August 1928 and died 4 December 1951. One child was born to them, Gertrude Beasly who married Cecil Wallace and had four children. Paul Beasley married secondly Viola Johnson born 26 November 1952. She bore him one son.

The second child of Jane (Flint) and John Paul Keller was John Paul Keller Junior who was born 19 August 1880 and died 22 November 1960. He married Lettace "Lettie" Lucretia Dugger, on the 2nd of January 1899. Four children were born, Harry Paul Keller, born October or November 1899 in Kansas and married Rose Mary Effinger on the 28 September 1937.

She was born 28 September 1900. The couple lived in Ottawa, Kansas in January 1963. They had no children.

John Paul Keller's second child was a girl, Dollie Jane Keller who was born 26 November 1902 and who was living in Ottawa, Kansas in 1963. She married Alfred O. Head on 3 March 1922. He was born 18 March 1893 and died 29 September 1953. One child, a daughter name Lucille Head was born 29 September 19__ and died 8 October 19__.

Harvey Earl Keller, third child of John Paul Keller Sr. was born 10 August 1906 in Kansas and died 10 September 1908 in Kansas.

The fourth and last child was John Wilber Keller who was born 23 December 1910 and was believed to be living in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1962. He married Letha Ringer on 26 November 1934. She was born 13 September 1909. Two children were born, Elizabeth Ann Keller, born 3 January 1939 and Martha Kay Keller, born 16 February 1941.

Now going back to pick up Hulda Matilda Keller, fourth child of John Paul Keller Sr., who was born 8 May 1868 in Franklin County, Kansas and died 21 June 1941 in Canon City, Colorado. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery there. She had been a member of the Nazarene Church in Canon City.

Miss Keller married first Calvin Wilder and had two children, William and Carl. William "Bill" Jackson Wilder was born 19 July, _____ and was believed to be in California in December 1962 with his wife Eva _____. He served as a government hunter of predatory animals for some time. In 1960, he and his wife owned a string of race horses on the west coast. They had no children.

The second child of Matilda and Calvin Wilder was Carl Wilder who married Marie _____ on June 10, 1930. Both were living in 1962. They had three sons Gene Wilder who was married and had children, and Meril Ray Wilder who was born 5 April 1924, was married and had children.

In 1961, when Blanche (Benson) Proctor⁵⁷ was in Los Angeles, California to attend the national meeting of the National Secretaries Association, she visited Carl and Marie Wilder.

Gene Wilder, the oldest son, worked for North American air lines in 1961 and had just moved to Lancaster, California -- a town in the desert. His family was still in Los Angeles when Mrs. Proctor⁵⁷ was there.

Another son Glenn Wilder was also married and had children. The third son, Meril Ray Wilder was born 5 April 1924 and was married and had children. He and his family lived in Los Angeles. Meril worked for Air-Research Association and was well acquainted with all air passenger depots or fields in the area. He helped Mrs. Proctor⁵⁷ a great deal in getting her ticket and getting to the right air port.

Meril Wilder took Blanche Proctor⁵⁷ to visit Disneyland while she was there. One of the Wilder boys wives took her to visit Marineland.

Matilda (Keller) Wilder was left a widow. She later married Thomas York Proctor, who had been a freighter in the early days and made trips to Western Colorado. He decided to move to Colorado at the first opportunity. In 1905 or 6 he and his family left Kansas by covered wagon. It was not definitely known the route the travelers followed but it seems likely that they followed, at least in part, the old Santa Fe Trails as far as La Junta, Colorado. From there they moved on west to Pueblo, Florence and Canon City.

Wayne Eugene Proctor who was a boy of about six years, recalled that the family camped at the northern edge of Florence in a grove of cottonwood trees that grew along the bank of the Arkansas river. The next day or two, the family arrived in Canon City where Mr. Proctor planned to stop for a rest for both the family and the horses. The wagon also needed some repairs. They pitched their tent on a vacant lot in the northwest part of town. Unfortunately one of the horses died one night and with it went the Proctors' plans for further travel. It might be of interest to the readers to know that the Proctors' camp site was on the opposite corner of Mystic Avenue from the one that Wayne's future wife Blanche and her mother, sister and brother were to live not long after they came to Canon City.

Mr. Proctor found a house for his family at 838 Griffin Avenue in South Canon. He again feighted between Canon and Westcliff, Colorado. Mr. Proctor was also a carpenter.

Wayne Eugene Proctor attended first the Washington grade school on Macon Avenue in Canon City. Later when his parents had moved to South Canon he attended the Alcott school. His own two sons were to begin their schooling in the same building.

Before his marriage to Mary Blanche Benson⁵⁷, he and his father built a home for the newlyweds at 845 Ussie Avenue in South Canon a home in which their two boys were to be born. Wayne still lived there in 1963. His youngest son Albert, spent weekends with him.

Wayne E. Proctor was employed by the Fremont County for 26 years. He was still with the County in 1963. He was also a fine horseman and for many years took part in the Fremont County Hoseback Riders Association Trail Ride, an annual event. He owned a brown and white Shetland pony and cared for a friend's sorrel riding horse. Wayne and his son Tom¹⁸⁰, then about five, drew a great deal of applause as they rode together in parades--Wayne on the horse and Tom driving the pony hitched to a pony cart. Later Tom rode the pony, with her little colt walking by her side.

Children of Mary Blanche (Benson)⁵⁷ and Wayne Eugene Proctor.

180ⁱ Wayne Thomas "Tom" Proctor (57, 19, 5, 1).

Born: 2 March 1931 at the Proctor home at 845 Ussie Avenue, Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

Living: With his wife and family at their home, 907 Santa Cruz Drive, Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa County, California.

Married: Patricia "Pat" Ann Crosley 26 September 1953 at the United Presbyterian (later the Mountain View United Presbyterian) Church in Canon City, Colorado.

Children: (3): Lynn Rene; and identical twins, Debra Koreen and Diana Doreen Proctor.

Tom Proctor attended the Madison grade school and the Wilson junior high school in South Canon. He graduated from the Canon City High School. While in grade school, Tom took piano lessons from the Canon City School of Music. In high school he was a member of the school's R.O.T.C., the high school chorus and was a paper boy. Finishing in 1949, Tom won an Art Scholarship to the Adams State College at Alamosa, Colorado.

At Adams State College, Thomas Proctor majored in art. His last year there he was commissioned to paint a two story high mural in Richard's Hall, the administration building. The picture told the story of the development of the agricultural industry in the San Louis valley. The following article appeared in the Canon City Daily Record in June 1953:

LOCAL ARTIST PAINTS MURALS FOR COLLEGE

A Canon City youth, who has just graduated from Adams State college at Alamosa, has painted a full-wall mural this year at the college which has beautified the administration building of the school and will make the artist long remembered at the college.

Wayne Thomas Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Proctor, 845 Ussie Avenue, has painted a mural of San Luis Valley agriculture and the potato industry which decorates a landing in the school's main building.

His mural traces the potato from its early planting to its final harvesting.

Proctor graduated from Adams State June 1 with a major in art and secondary education and a minor in business.

The young artist specializes in oil and water color.

As to future artistic activity Proctor will probably do this in the Armed Forces and the Army will probably recognize his artistic ability.

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Wayne Thomas Proctor graduated from Adams State College in June 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in both Art and Education and a minor in Business. He also received a life teaching certificate, something, sad to relate, has been discontinued in Colorado.

Mr. Proctor entered military service in 1954. After training at Fort Ord near Montray, California, Tom with his unit were sent to New York. After several weeks there the unit was sent to Germany. His wife Pat had remained in Canon but when it was found that Tom would be in New York for a time, she joined him there, staying with her parents. After the birth of their baby daughter, Lynn Rene, Pat with the baby, joined Tom in Germany.

While in Germany Pvt. 1st Class Wayne T. Proctor was commissioned to paint a mural for the officers quarters. Tom's serial number was U S 55437806. He was listed as "Wayne T. Proctor". He was released from service in the fall of 1955 in New York. After a brief visit with his wife's parents, Tom, Pat and Rene drove to Canon City in a Ford they purchased in New York state. They spent Christmas 1955 in Canon with his parents. Tom worked for the J. C. Penney store throughout the holidays.

The first of January 1956, Mr. Proctor with his family moved to Greeley, Colorado where he enrolled at the Colorado State College there. At the end of the summer session, in August 1956, Tom received his Master of Arts degree, with a major in Art.

Some of his art work was used in the College's Spring Festival. In 1957 a picture painted by Tom was exhibited in a special showing of work done by alumni of the college.

Leaving Colorado in the fall of 1956 the young Proctors moved to Cashmere, Washington where Mr. Proctor had accepted the position of Art instructor. While in Cashmere, the twins were born in the Wanatchee hospital. The next year, Tom took the position in the Wanatchee, Washington school system. Wanatchee was some six or seven miles from Cashmere and was on the Columbia River. Two years later young Proctor was given the position of Junior High Art instructor and Adult Art Teacher in the Walnut Creek School System, California. The family moved to Concord, California, a small town near the school. Later they bought a home in Pleasant Hill where the family lived in 1963. The Bay area offered Mr. Proctor many advantages in Art exhibits, Art museums and lectures. The following articles something of "Wayne" Proctor's work in the Walnut Creek school system. It will be noted that once again Tom was called by his first name.

T H E U N I O N

Thursday, December 1, 1960

ART WORKSHOP IS PLANNED BY TEACHER GROUP

Art workshop sponsored by the Nevada County Teachers Association at the Nevada City Elementary School Auditorium this Saturday promises to be an outstanding opportunity for teachers and all local residents interested in art work.

Mrs. Isabel Hefelfinger, president of NCTA, announces that all phases of art instruction will be featured by a group of prominent bay area artists and teachers led by Doris Foley, former Nevada County instructor. Demonstration will be from 9:30 to 12:30 with participation at 1 p.m. A turkey sandwich lunch for 50 cents will be offered.

The following speakers and topics for the art shop are: Earl Allen, art consultant, Walnut Creek, "Techniques of Water Color;" Kay Young, teacher, Concord, "Printing and Letting;" Nancy Severson, teacher, Pinole, "Mosaics for the Elementary School;" Wayne Proctor, teacher, Walnut Creek, secondary level, "Soap Sculpture" and

"Toothpick and Thread Sculpture;" Jim Miller, art consultant, Antioch, "Ceramics;" Doris Foley, elementary consultant, Contra Costa County, "Christmas Paper Sculpture."

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THE UNION

Tuesday, December 20, 1960

TEACHERS ART WORKSHOP DRAWS 85; MANY METHODS SHOWN

The Nevada County Teachers Association sponsored an interesting and instructive art workshop at the Nevada City Elementary School Auditorium recently. Eighty-five Nevada County teachers and other interested individuals assembled to participate in the various activities presented.

Earl Allen, art consultant from Walnut Creek was chairman and was instrumental with Mrs. Doris Foley in bringing with him three additional teachers who have made art their hobby. Mrs. Doris Foley is a general elementary consultant in Contra Costa County and a former resident of Nevada County.

The group assembled five working areas in the auditorium and set up the exhibits they brought with them. There were a large number of posters showing the various kinds of design with the use of the newest types of art materials now on the commercial market. A good selection of these materials was on hand, supplied by the various art supply companies.

Allen had the group separate into five sections so each might have opportunity to visit each section leader for a 40-minute demonstration. Allen demonstrated technique in water color and "working with clay" for young children and beginners.

Kay Young, teacher from Concord schools demonstrated the making of prings using readily available materials and the making of various kinds of print screens and stencils. Mrs. Young brought quantities of material for demonstration and instruction.

Nancy Severson, elementary teacher from Pinole demonstrated with a great variety of materials the making of mosiacs.

Wayne Proctor, junior high school instructor from Walnut Creek, demonstrated toothpick sculpture and thread design. He also demonstrated soap sculpture and his own unique procedure. He mixed India ink with soap scraps, molding it into a mass which when dried and carved resembles black and white marble.

Doris Foley brought many examples of her specialty paper cutting, paper folding and paper sculpture. Her demonstration was mainly items particularly suited to the Christmas season.

Luncheon was served and the afternoon was spent in active participation with the various group leaders.

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Miss Crosley was born 27 May 1934 in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado and started school there. She was the daughter of Ruth (Daly) and Richard T. Crosley. The senior Crosleys moved from Pueblo to Bovina, New York before 1953 where Pat graduated from Andes Central High School. She then returned to Pueblo where she was employed by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company until her marriage.

Mrs. Crosley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mable M. Daly. Nothing was learned of Mr. Daly but Mrs. Mable M. Daly lived first in Denver and then in her later life, in Colorado Springs with another daughter. She died there in January 1961. The following article taken from the Rocky Mountain News for 28 January 1961 tells something of her life.

DENVER WOMAN DIES IN SPRINGS

January 27, 1961

A longtime Denver resident, Mrs. Mabel M. Daly, died Thursday at Colorado Springs hospital. She was 76.

Mrs. Daly had made her home here since 1952 with her daughter, Mrs. Henry T. Dennis of 1616 Marquita Avenue.

Mrs. Daly was born in Kingston, Mo., and moved to Denver with her parents at the age of 6. She lived for a time in Pueblo and returned to Denver in 1938.

Mrs. Daly is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Richard Crosley of Bovina, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. Robert Canterbury of Denver; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. Ben Lehmborg of First Methodist Church will officiate at services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Law Mortuary. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Daly was a member of Christ Methodist Church in Denver.
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Mrs. Richard Crosley was a musician with considerable experience. The Crosley's had three daughters, Barbara, Patricia and Iris and two sons, Richard Jr. and George Crosley.

The following account of the wedding of Patricia Crosley and Tom Proctor appeared in the Canon City Daily Record.

PATRICIA CROSLEY MARRIES WAYNE PROCTOR IN PRETTY FALL CEREMONY

Canon City Daily Record - September ____, 1953

Beautiful autumn nuptial rites, held Saturday evening, September 26, at the United Presbyterian church, united in marriage Miss Patricia Ann Crosley of Pueblo and Wayne Thomas Proctor of Canon City.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Crosley of Bovina, N.Y., and the bridegroom, a lifetime resident of Canon City, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Proctor, 845 Ussie, who have lived here 40 years.

The impressive double ring ceremony was conducted at seven o'clock by Dr. Paul E. Carson, pastor. The vows were exchanged in front of a lovely floral background, with yellow chrysanthemums and tapers at the altar and tall baskets of yellow and lavender chrysanthemums and banked greenery gracing the chancel. Festoons of white satin ribbons decorated the pews.

Preceding the service, a program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. A. J. Williams while Albert Proctor, young brother of the groom, wearing a choir boy surplice, lighted the altar candles.

Before the mothers of the bridal couple were seated, Miss June Gillen, cousin of the groom, sang "At Dawning" and "Because". Immediately afterward, the escorting of the mothers to their places by the ushers, Reed Morris and Herbert Benson, was the signal for the opening strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March.

The bridal procession was led by the ushers; then came the maid of honor, Miss Barbara Crosley of Pueblo, sister of the bride, followed by Jeffery Scott, who carried the rings on a white satin pillow. The tiny flower girl, Shiela Scott, preceded the bride, scattering rose petals in her path.

The bride was escorted to the chancel on the arm of her uncle, Ernest Crosley of Pueblo.

Wayne E. Proctor attended his son as best man.

The brunette bride was lovely in a beige suit and matching hat with accessories of black. She wore a white orchid corsage and carried a white Bible. Her only jewelry was a white and yellow gold cross on a gold chain which was a gift from the bridegroom.

The maid of honor was attired in a grey suit with black accessories and her corsage was red roses.

The minister wore the robe and hood indicating his doctor's degree.

The heirloom touch of the wedding was the basket carried by the flower girl which contained the rose petals she scattered. This was a prized possession of the groom in his childhood and he had enameled it in white for the important occasion. It was also adorned with a ribbon bow.

Mrs. Richard T. Crosley, mother of the bride who had flown from Bovina, N.Y., to attend the wedding, wore a navy suit and her corsage was white carnations. Mrs. Proctor wore a hunter green suit with winter white hat and accessories of winter white and gold. Her corsage was white carnations.

After the ceremony, a reception in the church parlors honored the newlyweds with the bridal party and the parents in the receiving line.

A color theme of yellow and white was attractively carried out in the reception decorations and table appointments. Covering the bride's table was a handsome handmade cloth made by Mrs. Oliver Hurst, grandmother of the groom.

A lovely bride's cake centered the table and the first piece was cut by the bride and shared with her husband. Then Mrs. Herbert Benson of Grand Junction and Mrs. L. B. Scott of Pueblo cut and served the cake to the guests. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. J. E. Lawrence and Miss Margaret Ann Benson. Other assisting were Mrs. Elmer Kier, Mrs. R. A. Foster and Mrs. Effie McMullen. Miss Joan Ziolkowski was in charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor honeymooned in northern Colorado and will be at home at 626 West Adams, Pueblo, after October 10.

The bride is a graduate of Andes Central high school of Andes, N. Y., and is now employed at the telephone company in Pueblo.

The bridegroom was reared in Canon City and was graduated from Canon City high school with the class of 1949. He was an employee of The Daily Record during his high school years. He was graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa in 1953 and is now taking post graduate work.

His talent as an artist has won him acclaim both here and at Adams State. Some of his work was exhibited at a recent local exhibition and, during his attendance at Adams State, he did a mural for the school which still remains there.

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Proctor¹⁸⁰ Children of Patricia "Pat" Ann (Crosley and Wayne Thomas "Tom"

445ⁱ Lynn Rene Proctor (180, 57, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 21 October 1954 in the hospital in Margaretville, Delaware County, New York.

Living: January 1963 with her parents and sisters in Pleasant Hill, California.

Rene Proctor was attending grade school near her home. She was a good student and showed both musical and artistic ability. She had lived, as a baby, in Germany while her father was in service there.

446¹¹ Debra Koreen Proctor (180, 57, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 10 October 1956 in the hospital in Wanatchee, Chila County, Washington. She was an identical twin of Diana Doreen and weighed only 4 pounds, 2 ounces at birth. Both little girls were kept in an incubator in the hospital for several weeks.

Living: January 1963 with her parents and sisters at their home in Pleasant Hill, California.

She had attended kindergarten and was attending grade school in Pleasant Hill, California. Debra also showed considerable Art and music capabilities for one so young.

447ⁱⁱⁱ Diana Doreen Proctor (180, 57, 19, 5, 1).

Born: 10 October 1956 in the hospital in Wanatchee, Chila County, Washington. The identical twin sister of Debra Koreen, she weighted only 4 pounds and 8-3/4 ounces at birth. She to was kept in an incubator at the hospital until she was strong enough to be taken home.

Living: January 1963 with her parents and sisters at their home in Pleasant Hill, California.

Diana Proctor attended both kindergarten and grade school in Pleasant Hill. Like her sisters, Diana showed musical and artistic talent.

Children of Mary Blanche (Benson)⁵⁷ and Wayne Eugene Proctor, Cont.

181ⁱⁱ Albert Eugene Proctor (57, 19, 5, 1).

Born: 25 March 1942 at the family home at 845 Ussie Avenue, South Canon City, Colorado

Living: January 1963 in Canon City, Colorado.

Married: Unmarried January 1963.

Albert Proctor attended the Madison grade school and the Wilson Junior High School in South Canon City. He graduated from the Canon City High School in 1960. While there he was a member of the R.O.T.C. and the school chorus. He had taken piano lessons from the Canon City School of Music.

While in junior high and senior high, Albert delivered papers for the Canon City Daily Reocrd. During his last year in high school and until the end of that year he was employed by the Canon City Market, a grocery store.

At the beginning of the second semester, 1961, he entered Pueblo Junior College. It was later called Southern Colorado State College when it became a four year school. Albert Proctor, interested in stock and Herefords especially, enrolled in the Animal Husbandry department. Since Pueblo was some 30 miles east of Canon City, many students attending college there, drove back and forth each day. Albert was one of those in a car pool.

The summer of 1961, Albert worked on a ranch to gain experience in farm work. During the summer and winter of 1962, he was employed by the Griffins on their cattle ranch south of Canon City. Altho Albert Proctor had to stay out of college during the 1952-1963 school year, he planned to return in the fall of 1963. He was interested in cattle raising and he was a member of the Pueblo college stock judging team in 1961.

Children of Margaret (McIntyre) and Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹, Continued.

- iv A daughter Benson was born dead in 1902 or 1903 near Sparta, Illinois. She was buried in the small cemetery lot on the L. A. Benson Sr.⁵ farm. She was not named.
- v A son was born in 1904 or 1905 near Sparta, Illinois. He was dead on birth of a broken neck. He was buried in the small cemetery lot on the L.A. Benson Sr.⁵ farm. The boy was not named.
- 58^{vi} Herbert Lewis, "Bertie", "Bert" or "Herb", Benson (19, 5, 1)
- Born: 6 April 1906 on the Lewis Benson⁵ farm home some four miles south of Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, where his parents and sisters were living.
- Living: He was living in 1963 at 609 West Lake Street, Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado, with his wife, Mary.
- Married: Mary Elizabeth Baber at 10:30 Monday morning, 1 June 1931 in Fort Collins, Colorado at the home of her parents, 326 Plum Street by Rev. Harry G. Parsons of First Christian Church.
- Children: (1) Child, Margaret Anna "Marti" Benson

Bert or Bertie, as he was called until he was in college, came to Canon City with his mother and two sisters, Viola⁵⁶ and Blanche⁵⁷ when they moved from Sparta, Illinois in November of 1909. When he was six he began his schooling by entering Jefferson school. He did not finish the first grade that year as his mother was called back to Sparta to care for a sister who was ill. The two girls remained in Canon. The next fall Bertie entered first grade at Washington school (since torn down to make way for a County Courthouse). He finished the third grade there before the family moved to 1332 Main Street. Bert then finished his grade school years at the old Lincoln school building which was used as a high school annex in 1963. Bert attended the Canon City High School located at College Avenue and North Ninth Streets and graduated in 1925.

In the fall of that year Bertie enrolled at Colorado University, Boulder. However, he found the school did not offer the work he was interested in and he did not return the next fall (1926). He entered Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas instead, graduating from there in 1929. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Industrial Arts and a minor in Physical Education and Coaching.

Herbert Benson received a Master of Education degree from Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical Arts College (later Colorado State University) at Fort Collins in 1946. By 1959 he had completed work toward his doctorage in School Administration at Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado, however he did not finish his work there.

Bertie experienced the usual ups and downs of a growing boy. One such "down" before he started to school bordered on the serious accident when he fell from a fence on a neighbor's farm, landing in a pile of hot ashes. Although his hands were badly burned, they healed without a scar or permanent damage. Another time on his Uncle David McIntyre's farm he started to investigate the workings of a hay-baler just at the time it "worked". Bertie received a real bump on his head for his inquisitiveness.

One of the incidents that members of the family chuckled over for many years, although there was no chuckling at the time, was known as the "greasing of the surrey". It happened while he and his mother were visiting at his Uncle Willie Montgomery's place in Illinois. Uncle Willie had just purchased a lovely new surrey complete with "the fringe on top". It was planned that the family would ride in splendor to the church services come Sabbath Day. That was, if Uncle Willie could get the surrey greased in time. Three cousins - little eager beavers that they were - rushed out after lunch to do their part. Finding the can of axle grease, they laborously spread the seats, front and back with the black stuff. Anxious to do a good job, they worked the grease well in around the buttons. To say that Uncle did not appreciate the help of Florence and Russell Montgomery and Bertie was to put it mildly. Nor did all the work of removing the gooey stuff leave the seats in a condition that added much to the whiteness of the ladies skirts that Sabbath Day.

While Bertie was in grade school, he played basketball on the Lincoln School team and on MYCA city teams as well as the one sponsored by the United Presbyterian Church. In high school he was active in football, basketball and track. He was captain of the track and basketball teams and served as a forward on the latter. He filled the position of end on the football teams. Bert lettered in all three sports.

In 1924 Bert was forward on the basketball team that played in the Colorado State tournament in Denver. They won every game until the last one, losing to the Windsor boys - a team that went on to win the National High School Basketball title. Bertie was selected all-State forward in 1925, receiving an engraved silver loving cup.

The same year he tried for the All-State high jump honors with a 6 foot 4 inch record. The officials asked the two boys to toss a coin, winner to take first, loser second. Bert became second, receiving a bronze medal instead of a silver one.

But athletics were not Bertie's only interest in high school. In addition he was interested in a member of the Forensic Club; 1st Lt. in the ROTC, vice-president of his junior and senior classes, a members of the senior class play, SEVEN KEYS TO BALPATE, and a member of the student council.

At Colorado University he became a member of the Gamm Mu Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha and took part in inter-mural sports.

At Pittsburg, Kansas, Bert not only became known as "Herb", but began a prominent record in basketball. It was one that brought him the title of "Herb Benson - the hot shot boy from Canon City, Colorado". During his three years at the Kansas College, he won three "K" sweaters with sleeve stripes showing the number of years he had been a member of the team. He also received a "K" blanket in the maroon and gold of the school colors, a gold basketball with the letters K S T C and the date and a small track shoe with the K S T C letters. He also played some football.

His basketball record was such that on graduation from college, the Kansas City Life Insurance Company offered him a job if he would play on their pro team. He declined in favor of teaching and coaching.

While in high school, Bert had worked after school and on Saturdays at various places. The Duff-Lear Dry Goods Co., Thomas Plumbing Co., and the Empire Zinc Company were among the places. In college, he was employed at the Bob - a Dell restaurant. It was these jobs plus his Bachelor's degree that qualified him for a Vocational Certificate in Trades and Industry and opened that field of teaching to him. He held both a Colorado and a Kansas State Life teaching certificate.

For a number of years after he began to teach, Herb also played independent basketball. He received more gold basketballs in recognition of his work as a forward.

Herb's first teaching assignment was in the Canon City school system where he remained for 16 years. The first two years - 1929-1931 - he taught junior high general science and was assistant senior high school coach. He then became industrial arts and shop teacher in senior high while continuing his coaching duties. His was the first shop class which with the cooperation of the local merchants, built a modern home. Later the house was sold.

In the 1935-36 year, Herb was made head basketball coach while continuing his shop work. During his years as coach his teams never finished lower than third place in the South-Central league and often tied for first or second place, losing by only one or two points. His 1941 team won the State consolation title and second place in the State tournament held in Denver.

A number of news articles were written about Herb and his work. Wilbur "Doc" Little, a reporter for the Canon City Daily Record, wrote many interesting bits about Canon City athletes, both former and present. Herb was frequently mentioned. Some of these articles are given.

"POT SHOTS - Herb Benson's sport activities were not confined to basketball in his high school and college days. He dabbled at football, was a crack high jumper on track squads at high school here and later at Pittsburgh, Kansas, University. He used to get up around 6 feet 4 inches, which was an excellent college mark today, (1937) was outstanding a dozen years ago * * * * * Benson four times tied for first place in college meets and four times it was decided by a flip of the coin. Benson lost all four times." (Written in 1937).

Another article written in 1941 by "Doc" Little was one of a series entitled "Short Sketches of Local Leaders".

"SHORT SKETCHES OF LOCAL LEADERS

Herbert Benson

"Meet the fellow who may lead the Canon City Tigers their first basketball tournament in more than half a decade, and might even take them to a tie for the South Central league title.

"Even if the Bengal's don't do either of those things, he has turned in a good job. He is Herb Benson, light haired, slight and soft talking. He's been coach of the Tiger basketball squads for two years, and prior to that was assistant to Frnk Hickey.

"Benson knows basketball both from the coaching and playing angle. He's been tinkering around with the game ever since he was big enough to toss a basketball up to a goal. He played on the Lincoln grade school team, then in the Sunday school and Y.M.C.A. city league, in high school and finally in college.

"He was a member of the best basketball squad Canon City High School ever turned out - or at least in the last 20 years. That was in 1924, when Benson was forward on the squad that had Ralph Stone, Croves, Bus Pauls and Bob Yard. They won the conference by beating the Terriors in a two-out-of-three game series. And that Terrior team was no slouch, boasting such players as "Fifty" Ryan, Field and Forest Phelps.

"The Tigers of that year went to the state tournament, beat everything in sight until they had the misfortune to bump into the Wizzards of Windsor. The Wizzards won the state crown, went back to Chicago, and then won the national tourney with ease. In an interview, Windsor players said there was another team back in Colorado who could have placed second had they come along. They referred to the Tigers.

"Benson then hied himself off to Pittsburg, Kansas State Teachers College. Back there they played - maybe still do - the best college basketball in the nation. He came back to Canon City and dabbled around a little in independent basketball, never cared for it, however.

"This season Benson moulded a bunch of kids into a team that today is tied for the conference lead. There wasn't a standout in the bunch when he started working them. As a basketball team they played fine football. Benson has had to guard against that football instinct all season. He had to keep them from committing fouls when they might lose games. And on the other hand he had to keep up the fighting spirit which has stood the Tigers in such good stead all year.

"They still don't have the polish of Centennial or the Terrors, but when it comes to scrapping the Bengals bow to no team. They have played nine conference games to date and won seven. Of those seven, two were won by one point, four were won by two points, and one was won by four points. In all of those five games the Tigers found themselves either tied or behind at some point in the fourth quarter and had to scrap like the dickens to win. Two were won in overtime.

"Benson is no driver or taskmaster. He recognizes basketball for what it is! A game. He says players have to enjoy a game to play it well. And the Tigers do enjoy the game. They kid around during practice

sessions, pull practical jokes on each other. When they do, they hear no bawling out from the bench. Having fun takes away the tension of learning block plays and fast breaks.

"The Tigers are no five-man team. They have capable reserves who are on a par with the starting five. Benson believes in substituting frequently, seldom makes a mistake in judgment in his switching of players.

"Like Football Mentor Frank Hickey, Benson doesn't do much fidgeting during games. He just sits. And during this hectic year, just sitting when everybody else is yelling their lungs off is quite a feat in itself.

"Whether the Tigers win or lose, against Centennial, they and Herb Benson deserves a world of credit this year. Here's hoping they win. They deserve to."

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Another article:

"Herb Benson, the soft-speaking, easy-going gent who runs the Canon City Tigers' basketball team, is one of those who favor return of the center jump to the game.

"The present game is too fast for youngsters, he says."

- - - February 1940

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"Herb Benson eats and sleeps basketball. He probably knows basketball the technical side - as well as any man in the South Central league, including Joe Erps of the Terros. He has done a capable job on coaching his Bengals, with material that looked only mediocre at the start of the season. Certainly, his material was below that of the four big schools of the conference * * * *".

In Little's column "THINGS I LIKE", he included some of the following:

"Herb Benson's type of basketball - and his wife's cooking".

"Mr. and Mrs. Herb Benson entertained the Tiger basketball team at dinner the other evening.

"There wasn't any program. That's the nice thing about going to Mrs. Benson's basketball dinners. You just sit and eat. And when you are through you can go home if you want to. Mrs. Benson is a dandy cook. As good a cook as Herb is a basketball coach".

In 1942-44, Herb was in charge of the War Production training program in Canon City. This phase of education was part of the Vocational training effort to train men and women to work in war production industries.

Accepting the position of Director of Vocational Education for School District #1 and Mesa Junior College in 1944, he and his family moved to Grand Junction, Colorado. This move, while it brought an end to Herb's coaching, opened a new field in administration of vocational work. By 1958 he was recognized nationally as one of the 20 top men in that field as indicated by the call of the U. S. Educational Department in 1958 asking the "20 top men in the field of Vocational Education" to meet for a week's conference in Washington, D.C.

Herb's work in the Grand Junction area involved the reorganization of the entire vocational program and its supervision. The shop work and classes for adult education showed marked gain in the years under his guidance. He accepted the position of Teacher Trainer in Trades and Industry and an assistant Professorship at Colorado State University in 1953. He had previously taught two summers at the Fort Collins institution and two at Idaho State College, Pocatello. Although Herb began his work at Fort Collins 1 November 1953, Mrs. Benson did not join him until 1 January 1954, after the finish of the semester's teaching assignment. Their daughter, Margaret Ann, was already attending Aggies. Mr. Benson was advanced to head of the Vocational Education Department, a part of the college of Science and Arts at CSU with an associate Professorship, in 1957. In 1962 he was made a full professor.

In 1957 he was asked by the Government if he would be ready to serve on a permanent panel for the selection of text books for the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. However, nothing more had been heard of the work by 1959.

Although not necessarily a joiner, Herb's work has required membership in many professional organizations. The following list includes some of the organizations of a professional nature, with offices he held:

Trade and Industry Section of Colorado Vocational Association -
past president

American Vocational Association - advisory committee

Adult Education Association - Executive council, planning
committee, past secretary

National Association of Industrial Teacher Educators - vice-president

National Conference of State Supervisors and State Teacher Trainers -
national planning committee, moderator of national meeting

Chairman of the Faculty Committee for Industrial Construction
and Management degree, Colorado State University

Vocational Committee for Citizens Advisory Committee,
Fort Collins, Colorado public schools. This Advisory Committee
was chosen for a national efficiency award in 1958 by Dr. James B.
Conant, Chairman National Citizens Advisory Committee.

National Education Association

Colorado Education Association

Colorado Vocational Association

National Association of Industrial Teacher Educators

National Council of Local Directors of Practical Arts and Vocational Education

American Society of Training Directors

National Professional Curriculum Materials Committee for Trade and Technical Education and composed of only eight men from various parts of the United States plus the U. S. Office of Education

Honorary Societies:

Iota Lambda Sigma, an Industrial Arts honorary fraternity which required outstanding work in the field of trades and industry and the maintenance of a B average in school work. Herb was chapter sponsor at CSU

Alpha Tau Alpha, an Agricultural honorary fraternity

Honorary Life Member - Trade & Industrial Club

Honorary State Farmer, Future Farmers of America degree

Phi Delta Kappa, a men's Honorary Educational Fraternity

Listed in Who's Who in American Education Vol. 16 and 17.

Herb was a member and active youth worker in the United Presbyterian (later Mountain View United Presbyterian following 1958 merger of Presbyterians) Church until after his marriage. He then became a member of the First Christian Church, serving on the church boards and as an elder in both the Grand Junction and the Fort Collins Churches.

He was a member of the Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge #15, A. F. & A.M. at Canon City; the Council, Commandry and Knights Templar lodges in Grand Junction and was a charter member and royal patron of Colorado Monument Court #11, Order of the Amaranth, Grand Junction. In addition he held several Colorado Grand Court offices in that organization.

Herb was president of the Men's Faculty Club of the Grand Junction schools and a Lion's Club member.

Following a speech given by Mr. Benson at the meeting of Adult Educators in 1950, the Education Department of Colorado University, Boulder, requested an article, "Education for Life Adjustment as Launched in Mesa County." This article was used for publication in the magazine published by the University's English Department. According to the letter asking for the article, the University seldom request articles, but they felt his talk had been of such value it should be published. The following is the article:

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To Its Friends in the Schools

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EDUCATION FOR LIFE ADJUSTMENT
AS LAUNCHED IN MESA COUNTY

By: Herbert L. Benson, Director Vocational Education,
Mesa College and School District No. One, Grand Junction, Colorado

Aware that the professional growth of teacher personnel is vital if education is to keep pace with the needs of youth today, the In-Service Training Committee of the Gran Junction Education Association, faced and accepted the challenge offered by Life Adjustment Education. At its opening meeting of the year, the group made plans for launching a long-time program in District One and for inviting schools of the area to cooperate. As a result, Fruita, Central, Clifton, Fruitvale, and Palisade now participate broadening the scope of the movement, sharing ideas brought by prominent speakers in the field, and exchanging views on projects attempted and progress made.

To coordinate the efforts of the schools included, a steering committee was formed made up of student, teacher, and public personnel from each community. Most immediate objectives recognized by the representative group involved orientating teachers, students, and lay people regarding the implications of Life Adjustment Education; formulating a simply stated philosophy specifically adapted to each area; evaluating the existing school program; making whatever adjustments necessary and plausible in subjects taught; and emphasizing the significance of methods and teacher approach in meeting the individual needs of boys and girls.

Embodied in the over-all philosophy of the steering committee was the belief that entering into the Life Adjustment Education program did not signify the making of sweeping changes in the school system. Rather, it implied adjustment with the subject matter fields offered; the addition of some courses to supply the needs of students not met by the curriculum; and a re-emphasis of the importance of recognizing, understanding, and visualizing the person in the student and supplying his needs rather than of teaching subject matter for its own sake. Moreover, the leaders recognized the value of a continuing, long-time program with frequent re-evaluation and re-adjustment to keep pace with the progress and change in all areas of living in a complex, global world.

As one of the first steps in helping to inform the teaching personnel of the different, practical aspects of the program, Dr. Stephen Romine, representative of the Colorado Commission for Life Adjustment Education, spoke to faculty members in a joint meeting. Not only did Dr. Romine sketch the development of the idea and the general philosophy behind it, but he suggested definite ways

of implementing the program and adapting it to the actual practices in the classroom. Having spoken to the entire faculty of the interested schools, Dr. Romine met jointly with representatives from each of the areas to help outline definite procedures to be followed.

From this point, each school organized its own sub-committee which was divided into three sections. One worked out a philosophy pertinent to the specific school; another sought to evaluate the program by carrying on a study of graduates and of dropouts; and a third sought to publicize the purposes of Education for Life Adjustment and the activities undertaken. Members of these committees in turn formed the larger one for the area known as the Mesa County Steering Committee for Life Adjustment Education.

To exchange helpful ideas and to encourage continual effort, the Steering Committee met monthly at which time the philosophy, evaluation, and publicity committees from each community reported any progress made during the intervening weeks. In one instance, greater public interest had been created by presenting a questionnaire on the comparative value of courses in a standard curriculum to members of a service club and the Woman's Club. Utilization of parents and of citizens such as members of Lions, Altrusa, Woman's and other service clubs, postal employees, lawyers, judges, ministers, housewives, students, teachers, and administrators brought together viewpoints representing a cross section of the community. At one meeting all committee reports were presented by lay people, and the district judge reviewed the highlights of the West Virginia plan for Life Adjustment Education.

As a means of reaching more people, the Grand Junction Education Association arranged to have Dr. Kenneth Oberholtzer come to speak on the subject, "Our School Must Make Sense." At an evening meeting he addressed an audience of about 750. Earlier he had spoken to the faculty of the schools in the area including Mesa College. At that time Dr. Oberholtzer illustrated how teachers in various subject fields could put Life Adjustment Education into practice and cited definite ways in which Denver had applied the philosophy of the program.

To show how closely the guidance program in schools is linked to the objectives of Life Adjustment Education, the final meeting of the Steering Committee consisted of a talk by Edgar Williams, state supervisor of vocational guidance. From the address and through the discussion which followed, it became evident that both counselors and classroom teachers seek to help boys and girls to understand themselves and to prepare to be able to adjust to all aspects of daily living as well as to help them to make a worthwhile contribution to the society in which they live.

Though actual results of the program to day may appear somewhat intangible, one of the greatest benefits is that it has caused individual teachers to re-examine their own teaching and to evaluate the results in terms of the philosophy of Life Adjustment Education. In some instances, short courses growing from student demand have been made available as in Central where the homeroom period is utilized so that boys and girls may study most anything from fly typing to family relations. Plans in other schools include the addition of semester courses which will aid students in being better homemakers, consumers, and citizens. Certainly, too, a beginning has been made in creating a greater public awareness of what the schools are trying to do.

So that a start might be made on planning for the continuation of the program during the 1950-51 school year, a committee of seven met to formulate recommendations. First, they suggested that the Mesa County Steering Committee meet as early as possible this fall to get the program underway. Further, they recommended that Dr. Romine consult with each local steering committee and each faculty group to consider problems peculiar to the area. They believed, too, that it would be helpful to have as many workshop type meetings as possible on all grade levels and in various subject matter fields with trained consultants assisting. Finally, methods should be devised to publicize the program to a greater degree so that the students, educators, and the community would all work together toward the common goal.

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Numerous newspaper articles covering vocational subjects were written and published by Herb. One an article on Post High School Education appeared in the Colorado Vocational Journal in November 1962.

In regard to Herb's work at the Colorado State University, one of the officials, in 1958, remarked that "Herb Benson was a natural born teacher, possessing that faculty of leading and instructing students that few teachers ever possess or acquire".

Herbert was one of those teachers who derived a great deal of satisfaction from his work and from the success his students made. He also enjoyed sports, particularly basketball and football. He liked to fish and to travel. His work took him into many states but he and his family had also visited many other states as well as having been in Old Mexico and Canada.

In June 1961 Herb Benson served as conference leader with other leading educators in the state, working with Byron W. Hansford, Commissioner of Education for the State of Colorado. The following letter was received by Herb from Mr. Hansford:

Steve McNichols, a few hours before he left office as Governor of Colorado, 1963, appointed Herbert L. Benson a member of the Governor's Manpower Committee. Announcement was from Denver. Later the Committee was to undergo a reorganization under Governor Love.

Note: Marquis, publishers of Who's Who in America, notified Herbert Benson in February 1963, that his biography had been selected to appear in the Ninth Edition of their Who's Who in the West.

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STEVE McNICHOLS, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONOffice of Commissioner of Education
Denver 2BYRON W. HANSFORD
Commissioner of Education

July 5, 1961

Mr. Herbert Benson
Department of Vocational Education
Colorado State College
Greeley, Colorado

Dear Mr. Benson:

I wish to send both my personal expression of appreciation and an expression of appreciation on behalf of my staff for your contribution to our Department Workshop, June 27, 28, 1961.

As you know, we are very much interested in drafting a blueprint of the role of the Department in the next ten years. Your assistance in our deliberations was immediately very helpful.

Along with this expression of appreciation, we would also like to request your continued interest in the work of the Department of Education. At any time when you could offer further helpful advice, it would be equally appreciated.

Thank you afain for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

(S) Byron W. Hansford
Commissioner of Education

On Monday, 1 June 1931 at 10:30 A.M., Herbert Lewis Benson and Mary Elizabeth Baber were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Baber at 326 Plum Street, Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado. The Rev. Harry G. Parsons of the First Christian Church read the Dr. Horace Busnell ceremony in the presence of the two families and a few close friends.

The following article in part appeared in the Fort Collins Express Courier, 1 June 1931.

"BENSON - BABER NUPTIALS

"Miss Mary Baber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Baber of Fort Collins, was the first bride to make her marriage vows in June in this city, when she and Herbert L. Benson of Canon City were married at a simple wedding at the home of the bride's parents, 326 Plum Street, at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

"Members of the bridal party stood before a bank of ferns, palms and white candles as the Rev. Harry G. Parsons, pastor of the First Christian Church, read the single ring service. The bride was attended by Miss Beth E. Rudolph of Denver, a sorority sister, and Wayne Proctor of Canon City was best man. Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Wayne Proctor, a sister of the groom, sang "Because" by Guy D'Hardelot. Mrs. M. T. Gillen of Canon City, also a sister of the groom, played the Lohengrin wedding march as the processional.

The bride was gowned in a pale pink net afternoon dress made in quaint old fashioned style with wide folds in the skirt which fell to the tips of her slippers. She carried pink roses and sweetpeas. Her going away dress was of blue with white accessories.

Miss Rudolph wore an afternoon dress of pale green chiffon, made quite long and full, and carried a bouquet corresponding to that of the bride.

A four-course wedding breakfast was served immediately following the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Canon City after a short honeymoon in Denver.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Proctor and son, Wayne Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gillen and daughter, Martha June and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hurst of Canon City, Mrs. George Rudolph and Miss Beth Rudolph of Denver."

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Similar articles were in the Canon City Daily Record, Canon City Sun, Denver Post and the Richmond, Missouri News.

Mary Elizabeth Baber was born at noon 17 July 1904 at the home of her parents in Rico, Colores County, Colorado. She was living in 1963 in Fort Collins, Colorado, with her husband, Herbert L. Benson⁵⁸.

Mary Baber was the daughter of Anna Eliza "Lyde" (Clements) and Malner Brown "Mallie" Baber. She was named Mary for her maternal grandmother, Mary Frances (Hill) Clements and Elizabeth for her paternal grandmother, Matilda Elizabeth (Brown) Baber.

Mary began her education in 1910 at the McKinley elementary school on Lincoln Park, Canon City, Colorado. When her parents moved to Lamar, Colorado in 1914, Mary attended first a rural school, then later the old Pioneer grade school. Her parents returned, first to Pueblo then after a few months, to Canon City while Mary was in the 8th grade. As a result she finished her grade school work at the Fountain building in Pueblo. In the fall of 1918 she entered the Canon City High School and graduated from that institution in 1922--the 3rd highest scholastically in a class of 72.

In the fall of 1923, after working a year for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company in Canon City, Mary claimed the scholarship she had won in high school and enrolled at the Colorado Agricultural College (later called Colorado State University) at Fort Collins, Colorado. With a major in Home Economics, Mary Baber finished the required work for a Bachelor of Science degree in three and one-half years, tying for third place scholastically in that division.

Mary having worked at the college library for several years continued her work there and in addition began work for a Master of Science degree. She received the degree during the summer session of 1929.

During the school year 1927-28, Mary was a member of the College faculty as a library assistant. In 1928-1929 she taught homemaking and coached girls basketball at Fruita Union High School, Mesa County, Colorado. Desiring to return to the eastern slope, she accepted the homemaking position at the Canon City High School, a position she held until her marriage to Herbert Benson.

Because of teacher shortages, Mary returned later to the teaching field either as a substitute or full time instructor. In addition to homemaking, Mrs. Benson taught biology, eugenics for senior girls and art. In 1944, after the Benson family had moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, Mary substituted at Mesa Junior College before becoming a full time homemaking teacher and librarian at the high school there.

Mrs. Benson resigned January 1, 1954, to join her husband and daughter in Fort Collins. Their daughter, Margaret Anna, was attending CSU.

On accepting her resignation, Mr. Ide Boltz, Superintendent of Schools wrote in part, "..... I know of no two people who have contributed more to the growth and improvement of education in Grand Junction High School than you and Mr. Benson. . . . It is with a deep sense of loss that the Board of Education accepts your resignation."

Except for a few short substituting stings, Mary Baber Benson did not re-enter the teaching field after the family moved to Fort Collins.

Mary Baber had inherited a desire for activity - to do things, to be busy all the time. As a result she was in many activities from grade school on. She had attended the Sunday School and church services of The First Christian Church as far back as she could remember. When she was 10 years old she became a member of that church by baptism. While living at Lamar, she won a \$5.00 painting prize in a national competition conducted by the Ralph Tuck Painting Company. She was a member of the Oz Club, a group of girls in the seventh grade at Lamar who based their little club on the story of the Wizard of Oz. In the eighth grade, she became a Camp Fire girl.

Through high school she continued her Camp Fire work as a member and later as assistant guardian and then guardian. Mary continued active in her church work. She was a charter member of the TNT Class; served in many offices in the Christian Endeavor, including that of president; she was assistant sponsor of the Intermediate C.E. and sponsor of the Junior group. Her school activities covered membership in the YWCA, Ukelele Club and Hypathia of which she served first as secretary-treasurer, then president.

During her college days, Mary carried, not only an extra load of classes and worked in the school's library, but also a large number of activities. They included the following: Delta Zeta, Aggie debate team, Women's debate team, (receiving a gold "A" pin award), reporter and Woman's Editor of the Rocky Mountain Collegian (receiving a gold "A" on quill pin as award), Philo-Athenian Literary Club president, Home Economics Club president, Hikers Club, Women's Athletic Association (certificate, pin and "A" letter awards), YWCA, Big Sister and continued her church work in the First Christian Church of Fort Collins. Mary belonged to the following honorary groups on the Aggie campus: Alpha Phi Epsilon (literary), president; Pi Kappa Delta (debating), Alpha Chi Alpha (women's journalistic), Omicron Nu (Home Economics) secretary-treasurer, president; Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic), she was one of four women chosen from the class of 1927 for the "Pace Maker honor," the highest honor the student body bestowed on a member of the graduating class." In addition, Mary maintained the highest scholastic average in her sorority, Beta Phi Alpha (later Delta Zeta).

After completing college, Mary found other activities. At Fruita she was initiated into the Business and Professional Women's Club and was a member of the Golf Club. She was asked to give the address of welcome at the 1930 National Omicron Nu convention held at the Park Lane Hotel, Denver, Colorado. She also belonged to the Colorado Education Association and was president of the Homemaking Section, Southern Division, 1930; National Educational Association; American Home Economics Association; American Library Association; C C H A Girl Reserve Board; Sponsor Sophomore Class, 1944; contributed articles for National Journal of Home Economics and for Parents Magazine; American Red Cross, teacher of Food and Nutrition, of Disaster Feeding and of Home Nursing classes; taught the T.N.T. Sunday School class for six to eight years (a young married couples class by then); P.T.A., home room mother, secretary, president; Canon City Woman's Club, president, vice-president and program chairman two separate terms, corresponding secretary, Southeast District Literature chairman;

State Federation of Women's Clubs, Minnie L. Harding Educational Loan Fund, secretary 1937-1943; Chapter 21, Order of the Eastern Star Canon City, but demitted to Chapter 53, Grand Junction; Advisory Board Rainbow for Girls, Canon City; Mother's Club, Job's Daughters, Grand Junction; Future Homemakers Association, sponsor; Chapter N, PEO, Grand Junction but demitted to Chapter CO, Fort Collins; Social Order of Beauciant; Order of the Amaranth, Royal Matron and Grand Court offices; Fort Collins University Women's Association, corresponding secretary, 1956; Delta Zeta College Chapter Director for three years; Delta Zeta Alumnae Chapter, president; Delta Zeta Corporation board president; Delta Zeta Mother's Club, president; chosen twice by the Beta Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta as their "Woman of the Year"; member of Women's Circle, First Christian Church.

The hobbies of Mary Baber Benson were almost as numerous as her club activities. She enjoyed work with young people, travel, reading, cake decorating, flower raising, especially iris and African violets. She indulged in some short story and poetry writing for her own entertainment. While the family lived at Canon City, Mary was frequently asked to speak before various organizations on subjects pertaining mainly to the church or to homemaking. To Mary, her family Herbert and Margaret Anna, were always her first interest. Other activities were second.

SOME ARTICLES FROM NEWSPAPERS

While her husband was gaining publicity for his coaching ability at Canon City, Mary also earned newspaper mention.

Taken from the column "Up and Down Main Street" written by Wilbur "Doc" Little for the Daily Record were the following:

"Things I Like: - - - -Herb Benson's type of basketball -- and his wife's cooking." (1942)

"Mary Benson can cook as well as her husband can coach basketball. Mary Benson can take an ordinary potato. Put some stuff on it and make it taste like moufet de moulege. We don't know what a moufet de moulege is. But we saw something like that once on a menu. And it had \$1.50 behind it. So it must be pretty good." (1943)

"The nice thing about going to Mrs. Benson's basketball dinners - you just sit and eat. And when you are through you can go home if you want to. Mrs. Benson is a dandy cook. As good a cook as Herb is a basketball coach." (1941)

"Mrs. Herbert L. Benson, one of Canon City's outstanding homemakers and noted for her cooking, her teaching in nutrition and meal planning", was the introduction of her recipe contributed to a column entitled "favorite recipe" of ten of Canon City's homemakers" written by Mrs. J. Leo Sterling for the Canon City Daily Record in 1942. The recipe was for a pumpkin cake - a favorite at high school dinners.

Mrs. R. L. Magill of Grand Junction, Colorado and State Literature Chairman wrote the following in her report to The Colorado Club Woman following the South District Fine Arts Festival held in Canon City, April 15, 1937;

"The Division of Literature has had a busy year and practiaally every club has done some creditable work in this division

"I wish especially to commend the Southeast District and Mrs. Benson, the chairman, for the very splendid report of her work and the work in the district." Mrs. F. H. (Pearl) Trimble, District president on 29 April 1937 wrote:

"Dear Mrs. Benson:

I heard lots of nice things about your poise and graciousness during convention and wish to congratulate you on your share in putting over a very successful convention and Festival."

A PRAYER

(Written 8 October 1936 and used by Mary Baber Benson for a Girl Reserve candle light devotional service)

Father, Giver of light, teach us Thyself
That we may know Thee; guide us upon our way;
Dispel our night and bring the wonder of the day,
For through this is found eternal life.

Teach us Thy way to find, that we may teach ourselves,
That in Thy light, our eyes need be no longer blind.
Enable us to use the power Thou hast given us,
Until our lives reflect the glory of Thine own.

Father, Giver of light, our wills make wholly Thine,
That we may lead the world to find life divine.
Through service and fellowship sweet and loving,
Set free our hearts that we may find a truer self in Thee.

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Numerous Cousins had completed research on the parents and ancestors of Mary Elizabeth Baber. Some of these were Ella Brown (Jackson) Spooner, who published the Brown Family History. Her writings included material on the Browns, Anne Hutchison, William Crow, Thomas Hamilton as well as the related lines. John R. Martin published the book Valentine Martin and included related lines. Obeadiah Baber was included. The records of both the Hill and Clements was taken from family Bibles, newspaper articles, from DAR records and from Government war records. A summary as brief as possible follows:

CLEMENTS LINE

THOMAS CLEMENTS: born 17 September 1770 in or near Amherst, Amherst County, Virginia of English ancestry and died 29 November 1854 on his farm near Richmond in Ray County, Missouri. He married Rosanna Tinsley, 13 March 1800 in Amherst, Virginia. She was born 7 April 1775, the daughter of Joshua and () Tinsley of Amherst, Virginia Tinsley died in Amherst 19 May 1818. Rosanna Tinsley Clements died 23 April 1866 on the Clements farm near Richmond, Missouri. Burial was in Clements Cemetery. Thomas and Rosanna emigrated to Missouri after the birth of first child in 1802 or 1803 and received land grants southwest of Richmond. Their children: Joshua, William Wright, Absalom Wyatt, Gustavus, Catherine, Thomas W., and Willis P. Clements.

WILLIAM WRIGHT CLEMENTS: born 10 April 1803 near Richmond, Missouri, and died near home place in Ray County. He married Harriet Ann Gregory 10 March 1826 in Richmond. She was born 22 April 1809 near Richmond and died 4 February 1850 at the Clements farm home. Eight children: Harriet C., Nancy London, Thomas William, James London; Rosanna, America Jane, Lewis Gregory and Ann Eliza "Lide" Clements, Ann Eliza name appears in several generations.

LEWIS GREGORY "GREG" CLEMENTS was born 2 June 1839 and died 7 February 1908 at his farm home, three miles southwest of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. Death due to "complications", probably cancer. He married first Mary Frances Hill 6 November 1866 in Ray County. Four children were born to them: Anna Eliza, Minnie L., Barnie Monroe, and Lutie Clements. He married secondly Sarah Frances "Fanny" Graves. No children were born to the second marriage. Fanny survived Gregory.

ANNA ELIZA "LYDE" OR "LYDIA" CLEMENTS was born 4 April 1868 on the Clements farm some three miles southwest of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri and died 3:00 p.m. 10 April 1936 (Good Friday) at her home, 326 Plum Street, Fort Collins, Colorado. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins 13 April 1936. Death due to heart failure following operation for a ruptured gall bladder. Lyde attended rural school near home--then attended Female Seminary, a Christian Church school at Camden Point, Missouri and the Bryants Business College, Indianapolis, Mo. She also held Missouri teaching certificate and taught in a rural school near the Clements family home, the Friendship school. She was one of the charter members of Richmond Christian Church; a member of Christian Church Sunday School and Ladies Aid in Canon City, Colorado, and later in Fort Collins. She married Malner Brown Baber as his second wife, 5 August 1903 at the home of her father three miles southwest of Richmond, Missouri.

HILL LINE

ABRAM HILL: born 1760, probably in Connecticut and served during the Revolutionary War in the Connecticut Guards. He enlisted 1781 and was on payroll dated in Guilford, New Haven County, 22 January 1782 (DAR record 197261). He was said to be a relative of Gov. Francis Hill. He married first Mary Jack (or Jacque) in 1786 in Danridge, Tennessee (family records give her as of French ancestors who had settled in Ireland before finally immigrating to American sometime before 1786. She was probably of Huguenot decent). There

were 8 children: Samuel, John, Jesse, William, James, Alexander, Henry and Martha (Patsy) Hill. He married second a Miss Hunter and there were other children. A monument to Abram Hill's memory was erected in the Old Hill Cemetery near Richmond, Missouri by DAR chapter there in 1915. He emigrated to Ray County, Missouri about 1812 and settled in the Sugar Tree Bottom area. The Hills were of English ancestry.

HENRY HILL: born 20 May 1804 near Danridge, Tennessee and died 10 December 1895 at the home of his son-in-law "Greg" Clements near Richmond, Missouri. He emigrated to Missouri with his father when about 8 years of age and settled on rich farm land of the Sugar Tree Bottom. He received a number of patents or land grants in 1838 signed by President Monroe. He married first Emeline Ralph, daughter of A. E. Ralph and had four children: John M., Mary Frances, James Henry and

BABER LINE

The first member of the Baber line may have been Edward Baber, an English naval officer. Thomas Baber of England married Elizabeth _____ according to Will Book, Fluvanna County Virginia.

Obadiah Baber was born about 1760 in Virginia and died in April 1822 on his farm situated on the Four Mile Creek in Clark County, Kentucky. He married Hannah Martin, daughter of Rachel Pace and John Martin, on 4 April 1782 in Cumberland County, Virginia. Miss Martin was born 11 April 1761 in Fluvanna County, Virginia and died about 1844 in Clark County, Kentucky. Both she and her husband were buried in the Cave Hill cemetery there. Hannah's known line begins with Martin Martin who married Sarah Hix in Saint Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia on 10 February 1698 or 9. He died 20 March 1745. There were five known children. One of the children was Valentine Martin, the third child. He was born about 1710 in Saint Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia for he was baptized 18 June 1710. He died on his farm on Cat tail Branch creek in Cumberland County, Virginia in 1760. His will on record there was made 21 May 1758. He married Jane Bridgewater, a sister of Samuel Bridgewater. She died 23 November 1778. Eleven children were born to this marriage. John Martin, the fourth child was born between 1736 and 1740 in Goochland County (later called Cumberland County). He died 1831 in Clark County, Kentucky on his farm on Howard Creek. He married Rachel Pace on 3 January 1757. She was born February 1735. The couple moved to Fluvana County, Virginia in about 1770. Then in 1786 they moved to Fayette County, Kentucky and later to Clark County, Kentucky. Thirteen children were born to this union. John Martin served in the Revolutionary War. He was with Daniel Boone as early as 1775. Hannah Martin, the fourth child of the marriage was born 11 April 1761 in Fluvana or Goochland County, Virginia and died after 1844 in Clark County, Kentucky. She married Obadiah Baber on 4 April 1782. Thomas Baber Sr., the second from the youngest child of Obadiah was born 1 October 1800 in Clark County, Kentucky. He was a twin brother of Nancy Baber. He died 1 November 1873 in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. On 31 December 1829, he married Clarissa Gordon in Clark County, Kentucky. She was born 20 November 1809 in Clark County, Kentucky to Benjamin and Polly (Mary) Gordon. They were Scotchish people. Eight children were born to the Babers. Thomas

Baber rode horseback from Kentucky to Missouri, arriving in October 1820. He bought 640 acres of land one and half miles southeast of Richmond. He paid \$1.25 an acre, entry fee for the state of Missouri. He returned to Kentucky and after his father's death in 1836 he moved his family to Missouri by covered wagon. Thomas Baber Jr., youngest son of Thomas Sr. was born 31 January 1848 in Ray County, Missouri and died there on 4 April 1896. He married Matilda "Tillie" Elizabeth Brown on 23 December 1870 in Ray County, Missouri. They had two sons, Malner "Mallie" Brown and Oris Lawrence Baber. The Browns were a proud family, and the line included many prominent personages.

BROWN LINE*

ARTHUR BROWNE of Melchborn, England was the father of Rev. Chad (or Chaddus) Browne.

REV. CHAD BROWN(E): born about 1600 in England; died about 1665 in Providence; married Elizabeth Sharparowe, 11 September 1626 at High Hycombe, Buckinghamshire, England; they came to America in the ship "Martin", landing with their children at Boston in early July 1638; children were: Phoebe, John (ancestor of the patron of Brown University), James (ancestor of Rev. Clark Brown) of this line, Jeremiah; Judah (or Chad) and Daniel.

* This information is given here for reference of future generations. See also "Brown Family History" by Ella Brown Spooner for more on line.

JAMES BROWN I: born in England; came to America with parents in 1638; died 1683; married at Newport, R. I. Elizabeth Carr about 1670; Children: John, James, Ereck and Clarke Brown; she married Samuel Gardiner after Brown's death; had 5 more children.

MAJOR JAMES BROWN II: born at Newport about 1680; died 1756; married first Ann Clarke; Children: James III, John, Clarke, Hope and Thomas Brown; married second, Catherine Green at Warwick 27 April 1740; no children were mentioned.

JOHN BROWN: born Newport in 1702; died after 25 September 1782; married Dorothy Noyes on 4 July 1728; she was a granddaughter of Governor Peleg Sanford and Rev. James Noyes I; she was also a great-granddaughter of Governor John Sanford and Governor William Coddington; she was fourth in descent from Anne Marbury Hutchinson; children were: Abby, ann, jonathan, john, noyes, sanford, Captain Peleg, Dolly, Mary, Hope, Abigail and Bridget Brown.

JOHN BROWN II: (or Junior) born 25 July 1735 and died 25 July 1777; married Mary Holmes 2 July 1767 at Stonington, Conn; children were: Captain John, Rev. Clark, Polly, Noyes and Sanford Brown.

REV. CLARK BROWN: born 25 January 1771 in Stonington and died 12 January 1817 in Maryland; married Tabitha Moffatt, daughter of Dr. Joseph Moffatt (DAR record #123108) on 1 December 1799. Sermons of Rev. Brown were collected and published by Francis Scott Keys, a friend and a copy placed in the Libeary of Congress. After her husband's death Tabitha taught in private school but fearing the increased interest in the sea her sons were developing,

she moved her family to Missouri, settling near St. Louis; after 22 years, in 1846, when she was 66, she outfitted a covered wagon and her brother-in-law, Capt. John Brown, joined her son Orus and family and daughter Pherene and family and started the trip to Oregon. Manthano the other son, also married, chose to remain in Missouri.

At Fort Hall, Tabitha, her daughter and family and others, left the main train and followed one Mr. Applegate on his trail. They suffered untold hardships with Jesse and Lindsey Applegate (Brown History by Spooner; Reader's Digest Aug. 1954), but Tabitha, although losing most of her possessions, reached Forest Grove, Oregon, where she soon started a school for the orphans of the emigrants. It was to become Pacific University. Children of Tabitha and Clark Brown were: John Mattocks (who died age 6 years) Orus, Manthano and Phenne Brown.

MANTHANO BROWN: born 15 December 1802 in Brimfield, Mass. and died 20 April 1876 at Vibbard, Ray County, Missouri; he married first Rebecca McGough and had 4 children; married second Catherine Clements (daughter of Thomas Clements, p. _____) and had 5 more children; married third Sarah Lawrence Hamilton, daughter of Rachel Crow and Thomas Hamilton, 23 April 1849 and had 6 children, a son who died, Rachel Moriah, Matilda Elizabeth, Tabitha Ella, Sarah Lawrence and Henrietta Brown. Sarah Lawrence, one of 12 children, was born 22 April 1813 and died 7 July 1901, the daughter of Rachel (Crow) and Judge Thomas Hamilton, the founder and main support of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Elkhorn, Missouri. She was a granddaughter of Captain William Hamilton of Scotch-Irish descent who served in the Revolutionary War; he married a German girl and settled in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Sarah's other grandfather was William Crow, one of Daniel Boone's original settlers near Danville, Kentucky. His stone house was still standing in the 1940's when the American Guide Series were written. According to records in the Virginia State Library, William Crow also served in the Revolutionary War.

Manthano Brown lived in Ray County, Missouri, and was a large land owner as well as owning a leather factory when the Civil War began. Because his sympathies were partly with the South, but particularly because he owned slaves, Manthano lost heavily during the war years. In fact, had it not been that he was a charter member of the Richmond Masonic Lodge, neither he nor a son and a son-in-law would have escaped with their lives.

MATILDA ELIZABETH "TILLIE" BROWN: born 24 July 1852 near Vibbard, Ray County, Missouri and died 3 May 1942 at Oakley, Kansas; buried in Salina, Kansas; married Thomas Baber 28 December 1870; he died 4 August 1896 (the Baber line was being written in 1956 according to a Mr. Martin); there were two children, Malner Brown and Lawrence Oris Baber; after her husband's death, Tillie made her home with her son, Oris.

MALNER BROWN "MALLIE" BABER: born 11 November 1871 near Elkhorn, Ray County, Missouri; died 17 September 1949 at 6:30 a.m. at the Larimer County hospital, Fort Collins, Colorado; death due to coronary occlusion; burial at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins; he was a farmer and a mechanic; married first Eliza McGinnis in 1894 in Richmond; she died 1897 of tuberculosis; no children; thought for a while that Mallie had contracted TB and he was advised to move to Colorado; he worked for the Denver & Rio Grand Railroad on the Western Slope of Colorado; improved in health, he returned to Richmond and married Anna Eliza Clements.

After Anna Eliza "Lyde" Clements and Malner Brown Baber were married at the home of Lyde's father southwest of Richmond by the Rev _____ they return to Rico, Colorado where Malner was working for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. In 1905 Mr. Baber was transferred to Howard, Colorado near Salida. His family lived in the Howard hotel near the depot. (Howard was a water and coal stop for the railroad. There were few houses other than the hotel).

It was shortly after the move to Howard that a run-away ore train from Calcite thundered down the hill from the south onto the main line into the main line passenger train which had stopped for water. By the time the train crew saw the switch for the spur line had been left open, there was no time for action. The heavily loaded ore cars struck the main line engine with tremendous force.

Lyde, standing on the hotel steps watching for her husband, saw the on-rushing cars, heard the crash, the screams and hissing steam. It seemed an eternity before she could get news of her husband who seconds before had been on the engine. Some guiding hand of fate had caused Mallie to get off on the far side to back to check a wheel.

After that, Lyde begged Mallie to give up railroading for some safer occupation. In 1906 the family was living in Montrose, Colorado where Mr. Baber managed the Steam laundry. It was also in Montrose that the second child, Melba Lonelva Frances Baber was born 17 May 1906. The baby died in Richmond where the family was visiting. The baby was buried in the Baber plot in the Richmond cemetery.

In 1908 the Baber family moved to Canon City where Mr. Baber was part owner with his uncle, S. M. Jackson, of the Canon City Steam Laundry. The steam and inside work seemed to bother Mallie's old lung disturbance so he sold his interest to his uncle and bought a few acres of orchard land on Lincoln Park, land highly advertised for fortune-making, but not quite living up to ads.

In 1914 the Babers traded the Lincoln Park property for 80 acres of farm land five miles north of Lamar, Colorado. Although the farm was doing well, Mallie was not satisfied and decided to move back, first to Pueblo, then in 1918 back to Canon. This move proved a poor one and Mr. Baber lost heavily on the deal. For several years he worked at the Empire Zinc Mill as well as trying to coax the poor soil to yield a crop.

In 1923 the Babers moved to Fort Collins where Mallie again operated his beloved boilers, first at the College and later at the high school. After retiring from the high school job, he worked six years at the Walgren Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Baber were members of the First Christian Church. He was an elder in the Canon City Church. Mallie was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World. He was a past master of the Canon City WOW.

In addition to her church work, Lyde was a member of the Beta Phi Alpha (later Delta Zeta) Mother's Club.

Both Lyde and Mallie attended rural schools in Missouri near their homes. With the death of his father, the management of the Baber farm fell to Mallie so school work as such came to an end for him. Lyde went on to school and later taught in the rural school near her home.

Direct descendants of Mary Baber Benson were eligible to membership in several nationally recognized organizations. This includes the following:

Colonial Dames through direct lines from (see Brown Family History-Spooner) Colonial Governors William Coddington, John Sanford, Peleg Sanford and Jeremiah Clarke, a president regent. There were Colonial Proprietors in New York, Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Mayflower Society through the descendents of Mary Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Tilly, Mr. and Mrs. Howland and if the White Bible was correct through Governor and Mrs. Carver, all six were passengers on the Mayflower. (Brown family and the White Bible records).

Howland Society (see above).

Daughters of the American Revolution through descendents of Dr. Joseph Moffatt, surgeon; Phineas and Donald Haynes, brothers of Lois Haynes; Obidah Baber; Thomas Baber; Abram Hill; William Crow, who served in the Virginia Militia; and others.

Believed also the Huguenot Society through Mary Jacques Hill and the Martin Line. Records were not clear however.

Child of Mary Elizabeth (Baber) and Herbert Lewis Benson⁵⁸.

182ⁱ Margaret Anna "Ann or Marti" Benson (58, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 12 June 1933 at 7:55 a.m. at the Larimer County Hospital, later known as the Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital, Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Living: In April 1963 with her husband at their home, 38894 Le Count Way, Fremont, Alameda County, California.

Married: Twice: First to Paul Lynn Swearingen of Estes Park, Colorado on 29 January 1956 at Fort Collins, Colorado. They were divorced 1 February 1957 at Fort Collins, Colorado. Her maiden name was restored to her.

Married second to Milton Carol "Bud" Morjig in the Little Chapel of the First Baptist Church, Oakland, Alameda County, California on 17 December 1960. The Reverend Lester Pugh preformed the ceremony.

Children: (1) Kenneth Gregory Morjig

Although Mary and Herbert Benson⁵⁸ were living in Canon City, Colorado at the time of Margaret Ann's birth, Mrs. Benson preferred to return to Fort Collins where her family Doctor, Roy L. Gleason M. D. could attend her. Mary's parents also lived in Fort Collins. The name "Margaret" was chosen for the new baby because it was the name of her paternal grandmother, Margaret McIntyre Benson Hurst. It was a family name that had been traced for generations in the McIntyre family, far back in Scottish history. The name "Anna" was for her maternal grandmother, Anna Eliza Clements Baber. It too was a family name and was traced back to early English ancestors. The name was sometimes spelled "Anna" or "Anne" and later it became "Ann".

Before Margaret Anna was of school age, she took tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing. She became quite proficient in the acrobatic work and did solo dances. She was a member of the rhythm band for pre-school youngsters conducted by the Canon City School of Music. Later she started piano lessons from the same teachers. Margaret Ann was chosen as an honorary cheer leader for the Canon City High School when she was about five and was given a little uniform that corresponded to the ones worn by the cheer leaders.

Margaret Anna Benson began school in the first grade at Lincoln grade school in Canon City, the same school that her father attended. The school grounds were across the street from the Benson home at 1357 Greenwood. After finishing the fifth grade, Margaret Anna moved to Grand Junction, Colorado with her parents. There Margaret Ann finished the sixth grade school at the Washington building. It was about that time that Margaret Ann felt her name was too long to spell, so she adopted the name "Marti". The name stayed with her for many years. She also became a Girl Scout.

Marti Benson was a member of the junior high school band and orchestra and the high school marching band and the orchestra. She played the piano, violin and the glockenspiel and took private lessons on both the piano and the violin. She played the Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite for her Senior Piano recital. She was also accompanist for several instrumental soloists in the annual musical festival.

In high school Marti was on the honor roll each year. She was a member of Tri S, an honorary scholastic society for junior and senior girls, of Thespians and was in the senior class play, "Men are Like Street Cars." During her senior English class Marti wrote the following poem which was entered in the national "America Sings" contest for high school students throughout the United States. The poem was published in the anthology, Young America Sings published by National High School Poetry Association, 4th ed. p. 106 for 1951.

DAYS OF UNREST

Today is a day of unrest,
 Strife and trouble everywhere.
 The skies are now overcast
 With the pangs of dark despair.

A war is not far away.
 Whistle of the west-bound train,
 How mournful and sad is your cry --
 Taking the boys to suffer war's pain.

A voyage to unknown shores
 Where many youths will lose their lives.
 So the rest of the world may know peace,
 And all may see how freedom survives.

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Marti became a member of Jobs Daughters when she entered high school and served in the choir and as treasurer. She graduated from high school with special honors. She entered Colorado State University in the fall of 1951 having received a Sears Roebuck Scholarship. Marti majored in Foods and Nutrition. She graduated in June 1955.

Margaret Ann Benson was initiated into the Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Zeta her Freshman year at CSU and served as secretary of her pledge class. Later she was elected treasurer of the active chapter and attended the national meeting of the sorority held in Saint Louis, Missouri. She was active all four years in band and orchestra and was elected to Tau Beta Sigma, Women's honorary band fraternity. Marti was a member of the Drama Club her freshman year but found because of the time element she had to choose between her music or drama. She chose to stay with her music. Her other activities included a part in the Green and Gold Revue, Home Economics Club, Women's Athletic Association, Associate Women's Students, Big Sister and Counselettes.

In 1953 Marti was initiated into the Colorado Monument Court number 11, Order of the Amaranth in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was initiated in Chapter CO of PEO in Fort Collins in January 1956 and later demitted to Chapter MO in San Leandro, California.

Margaret Ann Benson was active in Church and Sunday School all her life. She was entered in the cradle roll of the First Christian Church at Canon City and then attended Sunday School. She became a member of the First Christian Church in Canon City when she was ten years old. The Rev. Samuel Burgess baptized her on profession of faith. After the family moved to Grand Junction, Margaret Ann continued her active work in Sunday School, Church and youth groups. She served her class first as secretary - treasurer and later as president. She was president of the high school age Christian Endeavor and was an officer in the City Wide Youth group. When Marti began her work in Oakland, she transferred her church membership to the First Baptist church as there was no Christian Church near the hospital. She soon found an active place in the Sunday School and youth work of the church.

Miss Benson interned as a dietitian on 29 July 1955 at the Highland Hospital, Alameda County, Oakland, California. It was necessary for Marti to take a leave of absence in March 1956 to undergo surgery. When recovered, she worked as receptionist at the Weld County Hospital, Greeley, Colorado. She then returned to Highland Alameda County Hospital and completed her internship in May 1957. Before Marti had finished her training she was offered and had

accepted a position on the Dietetic staff of Fairmont Hospital, San Leandro, California. She began her duties as soon as she had completed her work. In 1962 she had been advanced to Chief Assistant Administrative Dietitian for that hospital.

She was a member of the National Dietetic Association and the California Dietetic Association. She was chairman of the Careers committee and a member of the executive board of the Northern California Dietetics Association one year. Miss Benson ran tests on post-polio feeding for one of the Doctors at Fairmont Hospital. As a result of that work Miss Benson received a letter in 1959 from the National Polio Foundation asking her to contribute an article on post-polio feeding for publication in the News-letter, a request to which she complied. She resigned her work at the hospital in March 1963 as she was expecting the birth of their first child in May 1963.

Margaret Ann Benson married first Paul Lynn Swearingen on 29 January 1956 but they were divorced 1 February 1957. Her maiden name was legally restored. There were no children. Mr. Swearingen was later married twice and was divorced.

Margaret Anna Benson married second, Milton Carol "Bud" Morjig Saturday morning, 17 December 1960 in the Little Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Oakland, Alameda County, California. The service was preformed at 10:30 by the Rev. Lester Pugh, Youth minister of the church. Only relatives and a few close friends attended the service.

Before the wedding Rev. Dr. John Burke, Minister of Music played organ selections. Mrs. Wayne E. Proctor, aunt of the bride sang "I Love Thee" by Edvard Grieg and "Because" by Guy D'Hardelot. She was accompanied by Dr. John Burke. Mrs. Robert Enz (Marylin "Mernie" Woolley), also a dietitian at Fairmount Hospital, was Matron of Honor and Edward H. Morjig was his brother's best man. Albert Morjig and Ben Morjig were ushers. Tom Proctor, cousin of the bride, made a tape recording of the wedding. Dr. Burke played the Lohengrin Wedding march by Wagner as the wedding party entered the chapel and the Mendelssohn March as a recessional. Following the wedding, a buffet breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morjig in Castro Valley, California.

Of their wedding, the First Baptist Herald for Sunday 25 December carried the following note:

"Miss Marti Benson and Milton Morjig were married in our chapel on Saturday December 17. Our love and congratulations to this fine young couple as they establish their home."

The Hayward Daily Review for 10 December 1960 carried the notices of marriage licenses. The one for the couple stated:

"Morjig--Benson--Milton Carol Morjig. 29 and Margaret Anna Benson, 27, both of Hayward. Mailing address--730 Blossom Way, Hayward."

Returning from their honeymoon in Southern California, Mr. and Mrs. Morjig made their home at 1754 B Street, Hayward, California until their home at Fremont was finished.

Margaret Anna Benson had visited in New York, Missouri, New Mexico, Illinois, Utah, Nevada, California, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas and Canada and Mexico.

Music was perhaps her first hobby but she also did some painting in oils.

Milton Carol "Bud" Morjig, the youngest of four sons of Haig and Parig (Kazigian) Morjig, was born 6 September 1931 in Oakland, Alameda County, California. He attended the Maxwell Park Grade School and the Fremont High School in that city. After finishing high school, he attended Aero Technical School, Oakland Junior College (now Oakland City College). He was a member of the Tri X social fraternity.

Haig Morjigian (Morjig), Bud's father, was born 13 January 1892 in Armenia. He died 23 April 1960 at his home 5615 Roberts St., Oakland after several weeks illness in Providence Hospital. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. Haig Morgian had several sisters who survived birth. They were the first daughter whose name was unknown and who lived in Soviet Armenia when last heard from. Ester who died in 1950 in the United States. One sister was Haiganoosh who was living in Waukegan, Illinois. Another was Sirvart who lived in Fresno, California.

Because of the years of persecution by the Turks as well as other neighboring nations, many Armenians came to America. Haig Morjigian was one of these young men from Eazingan who arrived in New York in 1912. The ship on which he sailed was not definitely known but it might have been the Meghali Ellas. After the usual time spent on Ellis Island, Haig boarded a train for Fresno where there were already a large number of Armenians. He stayed with his sister Sirvart for three months after which he moved to Oakland.

Haig Morjigian married first to Parig Kazigian in 1915 in Fresno, Fresno County, California. They moved to Oakland in 1924 where Mr. Morjigian had a cleaning business. When Haig received his American citizenship, he changed his name to Morjig. This was probably after the first two boys were born.

Parig Kazigian was born in 1885 in Armenia. She died Wednesday, 15 March 1947 in Oakland, California of heart failure. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. She was the daughter of Manoog and Alice (_____) Kazigian, both of whom were born in Armenia. In 1905 while Parig and her brother were still children, their parents died within a week of each other. The children, left orphans, were raised by sisters of Mrs. Kazigian. Parig was taken to Los Angeles by one aunt while her brother was raised by an aunt in Fresno. The brother later took the name of the aunt to become Harry Stone.

Haig Morjig was raised in the Christian home of a Congregational minister in Armenia. His father was Rev. Hovagen Morjigian, a minister there until he was murdered during a Turkish invasion in 1910. He married Etar Shakargian who was born in 1855 in Armenia. After the death of her husband, she immigrated to America, settling in Oakland. She died of a stroke following several years of high blood pressure. She was 82 years of age at the time and although she was totally blind, family members remember her as a woman with a remarkably sweet disposition until her death.

Haig Morjig married secondly Zabelle Kuimjian on 7 May 1950. She was born 16 November 1901, the daughter of Ugaper and Agop Kuimjiam of Rochester, New York. Her mother had passed away before 1960 but Mr. Kuimjian was living in 1963. He spent most of the winters in Oakland with his daughter and was fondly called "Grandpa" by his step grandsons and their wives as well as the step great grandchildren. Zabelle Kuimjian married first Doctor Armen of Fresno. They had one son, Lester who in 1961 was a Major in the United States Missile Program stationed with his family in Nebraska. After her divorce from Dr. Armen, Zabelle took her maiden name. She was employed by the Navy in their _____ office at Alameda, California, in 1963, a position she had held for several years.

Haig Marjig and his first wife had four sons. They were Edward Haig Morjig who married Agnes Paregian and had four children. They lived at 1710 Morgan, San Leandro, California. He was a graduate of the University of California as an Engineer. He served in World War II and after the war he established his own Engineering firm.

The second son was Benjamin "Ben" Souren Morjig who married Barbara Cleery. They lived in Castro Valley with their two children. Ben was sales manager for the Associated Groceries. He was elected State Director of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1950 and a "Key Man" for the state. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Albert Elmer was the third son. He married Florence Wilson. They had three children. Al owned and operated an air plane testing and repair business called Flight Power Company in San Leandro in 1961. The last son was Milton Carol "Bud" Morjig.

During the Korean War, Bud served with the U.S.N. from January 1951 until April 1951. He was inducted into the U.S.A.F. 6 April 1951 at San Francisco and was honorably discharged at Victorville, California 6 November 1954. His service serial number was 194153331. While in the service he served at several bases. He was an Aviation Cadet at George Air Force Base, California, James Connelly A.F.B. Texas, and Lackland A.F.B. Texas. He was an Aircraft Crew Chief, a Corporal and a second lieutenant. Bud served first in the 192nd Fighter Bomber Squadron and second in the 434th Fighter Bomber Squadron.

Milton C. Morjig was a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oakland where he served in the choir, was president of the Pilgrim Fellowship and chairman of the building fund drive for the Pilgrim Fellowship. Bud was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Oakland, serving as Air Show Chairman several years. The Oakland and San Leandro papers carried numerous articles and pictures of Bud in connection with the air show and the beauty queen.

As an active member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Oakland, his picture appeared frequently in the Oakland papers. In 1955 the Oakland Tribune carried the picture of the 1955 Miss Naval Air State, Oakland and M. C. Morjig.

In 1959 "Bud" was chairman of the Air Show in Oakland. His picture was in the Oakland paper together with Miss Oakland. There were also other articles and pictures of Bud presenting an award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce to the Peter Paul Company.

Mr. Morjig had traveled in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Colorado and in Canada.

During his Air Force service Bud flew a plane with the number FF-844. After his service, Bud became an agent for the Farmers Exchange Insurance company. In 1960-61 he was Appliance salesman for Sears, Roebuck in Hayward, California. However in 1962 he returned to the Farmers Exchange Insurance where he was his own boss.

On January 1954, Milton Carol Morjig married Diane Thelan. They were divorced. There were no children.

The Armenians of California were a proud race and justly so. Family ties were kept very close. In Marion Harland's book, "Under the Flag of the Orient", wrote of the thrilling story of Armenia. It was believed that Armenia was the seat of what was to be the earliest form of the Christian belief. The country was a lovely one so he said and was first settled by the human race after the Great Flood of Bible times. Mount Ararat where the Ark rested after the flood still raises its lofty crest 17,000 feet above the land. The country first accepted Christianity as a nation in 302 ~~BEAD~~ The Episcopal form, without tyranny was the original form of religion of the nation.

Armenia as a nation was subjected for many years to the persecutions by first the Romans then the Ottoman, the Moslems and the Turks. Following World War I conflict was to become a state of the USSR. It remains so in 1963.

In the spring of 1961 Marti and Bud built a three bedroom home at 38894 Le Count Way in Fremont, California.

Child of Margaret Anna (Benson)¹⁸² and Milton Carol Morjig.

448ⁱ Kenneth Gregory Morjig

Born: 8 May 1963, 6:40 p.m. at Washington County Hospital, Fremont, California.

Living: 38894 LeCount Way, Fremont, California.

Children (3) of Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹ and his second wife, Besse Russell (Boyle) Benson

59^{vii} Joseph Harold Benson (19, 5, 1)

Born: 15 April 1910 in Williston, Williams County, North Dakota.

Living: In August 1962 at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Married: 24 September 1940 Caroline Barbara Atson at Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington.

Children: (5) Ray David, Frank Bruce, Ruth Marie, Wanda Kay, and Harold Douglas Benson.

Harold Benson finished grade school and high school in Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois. He moved to Portland, Oregon in 1940. He had one year of college work at Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington. In 1960 he was a Dryer feeder at the Farwest Plywood Company in Tacoma, Washington.

His wife, Caroline Barbara Atson, was born 5 February 1922 at Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa. She finished the twelfth grade. Both Harold and Barbara were members of the Seventh Day Church.

Barbara (Atson) Benson was the daughter of Douglas Aston who was deceased in 1960 and Jessie Helen (Sheldon) Atson who was born 1 January 1901 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. After the death of her husband she married John Lutcavich. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Children (5) of Caroline Barbara (Atson) and Joseph Harold Benson:⁵⁹

183ⁱ Ray Davis Benson (59, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 9 September 1941 at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Living: August 1962 at Tacoma, Washington.

Unmarried in August 1962.

Ray David Benson was a senior at Auburn Academy, Auburn, Washington in 1960. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

184ⁱⁱ Frank Bruce Benson (59, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 3 October 1943 at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Living: August 1962 at Tacoma, Washington.

Unmarried in 1960.

Frank Bruce Benson was graduated from Auburn Academy, Auburn, Washington in 1962. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

185ⁱⁱⁱ Ruth Marie Benson (59, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 14 February 1946 at Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona.

Living: August 1962, at Tacoma, Washington

In 1961 Ruth Marie was in the 7th grade of the S.D.A. Church school in Tacoma, Washington. She graduated from the 8th grade of that school in 1962.

186^{iv} Wanda Kay Benson (59, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 12 April 1947 at Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona.

Living: In August 1962 at Tacoma, Washington.

Wanda Kay Benson was in the 7th grade at the S.D.A. Church school in Tacoma in 1961. She graduated from the 8th grade there in 1962.

187^v Harold Douglas Benson (59, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 12 December 1950 at McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon.

Living: August 1962 in Tacoma, Washington.

Harold Douglas Benson attended the S.D.A. Church school in Tacoma in 1960 and was in the 4th grade.

Children of Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹ and his second wife Besse Russell (Boyle) Benson, Continued.

60^{viii} Orron Russell Benson (19, 5, 1)

Born: 27 December 1911 at Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado.

Living: August 1962 at Redding, Shasta County, California.

Married: Alice Wilma Fisher on 3 July 1933 at Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois.

Children:(1) James Russell Benson.

Orron Russell Benson graduated from the Hinsdale Academy, Hinsdale, Illinois in 1933. He worked at the Hinsdale Sanitorium and hospital and managed the hospital laundry until 1940. At that time Orron, his wife, son, his mother and his sister moved to Portland, Oregon because of hay fever allergy.

Mr. Benson began work in 1940 for the Columbia Aircraft Company in the maintenance department. He was employed there for four years, until after the

Hiroshima attack. The last three years he was a foreman. A friend advised him to take up Denistry. In 1945 he entered Moultnomah YMCA College in Portland, Oregon. There he spent one winter and two summers in pre-dental work and was chosen for membership in Alpha Phi Kappa, an honorary scholastic fraternity.

In 1946 he entered the Dental school of Portland Dental College. Mrs. Orron Benson wrote that out of 700 applicants for the school, only 75 were chosen. Of the 75 who took the School and the State board examinations, only three students received straight A's. Orron was one of thre three. While in college he was a member of XI, OST and PHI. He completed his schooling receiving his Dental medical degree, DMD. He took the Oregon State board examinations in 1950, and opened an office for practice in Gresham, Oregon where he practice for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. He was then called into the Dental Corp and served first in Alabama. Later he served two years at Beale Air Force Base at Marysville, California. His serial number was AO 2 260 227.

In 1953 Dr. Benson took the California State board examinations and on his separation from the Air Force in 1953, he moved with his family to Redding, California. He had built his own office building in Redding, known as the Sunset Medical-Dental Building at 3550 Eureka Way. The building contained five suites of offices. One of course was used for his own work, one by his brother-in-law, Dr. Gordon James Nelson, one by a third dentist, one by an orthodontist and the fifth by a psychiatrist. In addition to his own building, Dr. and Mrs. Benson had a lovely home in Redding. Dr. Benson was a member of the Kiwanis Club, a men's service organization, in Redding and served as its president in 1962. In that position, he and his wife Alice attended the club's international meeting in Denver, Colorado. Later they visited in Fort Collins and in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Orron R. Benson and Alice Fisher were married the year of the World's Fair in Chicago, Illinois. They borrowed his mother's car to make the trip from Hinsdale to Chicago but on the way they decided on a double wedding with Alice's brother and his fiancée. After being married in Wheaton, Du Page County, Illinois, the two young couples continued on to the fair.

Dr. Orron R. Benson was spoken of as doing outstanding denstry work.

Alice Wilma Fisher, wife of Orron R. Benson⁶⁰ was born 26 April 1911 in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (McKay) Fisher who were of English and Welsh ancestry. Elizabeth McKay was born in Apollo, Pennsylvania in 1887 and was married to Albert Fisher about 1906 or 1907 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They were Baptists and their children were raised in that church. Mr. Fisher was a Mason.

In addition to Alice Wilma Fisher, there were two sons and three daughters born to the Fishers. They were:

Albert B. Fisher, born 31 May 1910 and married Luella Mason;

Edward William Fisher, born 25 April 1917, married Creta Odon and had two children, Larry and Kent Fisher;

Edna May Fisher who married Shackelford-Smith and had five girls, Peggy, Nonel, Ruth and two others whose names were not given;

Ruth Elizabeth Fisher married James Malerick and had one son, Kent.

After graduating from high school in East Chicago, Alice Fisher trained for nursing and took dental training at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois. She received her Registered Nurses certificate in 1932. In 1960 she was not only a homemaker but served as her husband's dental assistant and office manager but in 1962 she had given up the work as a dental assistant. She continued as office manager.

Alice Benson was also active in community and service groups in Redding. Among these groups were: Business and Professional Women's Club; Soroptomist Club, a Women's Service Club; Credit Women's Club; Toastmistress; Lads and Lassies of the Elks Lodge; White Shrine; and Eastern Star.

Child of Alice Wilma (Fisher) and Orron Russell Benson⁶⁰.

188ⁱ James Russell Benson (60, 19, 5, 1)

Born: 10 August 1936 at Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois

Living: August 1962 with his parents in Redding, California

Unmarried in 1962.

James Russell Benson, after finishing grade and high school at the Portland Academy, attended Pacific Union College. In 1962 he had completed six years of college with a major in Biology. He was interested in taxidermy and had mounted 100 specimens for the laboratory. His hobby was reading and in 1962 he was writing a book.

James Benson hoped to become a member of the Game and Fish staff of California in 1962.

Children of Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹ and his second wife, Besse Ruseell (Boyle) Benson, Continued.

61^{ix} Enid Marjorie Benson (19, 5, 1)

Born: 26 April 1923 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois

Living: February 1963 with her husband and family in Redding, California

Married: Dr. Gordon James Nelson on 14 September 1947 at Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Children: (3) Laruel Jyl; Grant Gordon and Todd Gordon Benson.

Enid Marjorie Benson graduated from the Hinsdale High School Hinsdale, Illinois and Walla Walla College at Walla Walla County, Washington. During World War II she worked for the Columbia Aircraft Company. Later she spent two years working for Dr. Emery, a cancer specialist. She then was employed by Dr. Warnell in Portland, resigning her position to marry Dr. Gordon Nelson.

In addition to her home, Enid helped her husband as his medical secretary. Both she and her husband were active members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and both were ski enthusiasts.

Gordon James Nelson, husband of Enid Benson, was born 17 October 1923 at Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. He was the son of O. I. Nelson, born in Minnesota and Bess Mabelle (Morris) Nelson, born 9 September 1891 in Idaho. The couple were married on 14 September 1916 in Portland, Oregon. Both were S.D.A. members and both were Registered nurses. Mr. O. I. Nelson, father of Gordon Nelson served in a Veteran's Hospital as a male nurse and he also served in World War I. He died Saturday 31 December 1960 in Portland, Oregon. His wife, Bess (Morris) Nelson received her registered nurse license and served as a nurse at Hahneman Hospital. The Nelson were of Danish ancestry. One of Dr. Gordon Nelson's grandfather's celebrated his 100th birthday on 19 February 1961 in Lodi, California.

Gordon Nelson graduated from the Portland Seventh Day Adventist Academy in Portland, Oregon and Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he received his doctor's degree, D.M.D. in dentistry. For three years he served in Europe in a non-combat medical unit. His World War II service number was 37-334-198. In 1960 he was practicing dentistry in Redding, California, having a suite in the building owned by his brother-in-law, Dr. Orron R. Benson. He was continuing his practice there in 1962.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson had completed a new home in 1960 just outside of Redding, California.

Children (3) of Enid Marjorie (Benson)⁶¹ and Dr. Gordon James Nelson.
 189ⁱ Laurel Jyl Nelson (61, 19, 5, 1)
 Born: 22 September 1950 at Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.
 Living: August 1963 with her parents in Redding, California.

In 1960 Jyl was in the 4th grade of the Seventh Day Adventist School. By 1961 she had learned to ski.

190ⁱⁱ Grand Gordon Nelson (61, 19, 5, 1)
 Born: 6 February 1953 at Portland Hospital, Multnomah County, Oregon.
 Living: 1963 with his parents in Redding, California.

Grand Gordon Nelson attended the Seventh Day Adventist School in 1960 and was in the first grade.

191ⁱⁱⁱ Todd Gordon Nelson (61, 19, 5, 1)
 Born: 13 August 1957 in Portland, Oregon.
 Living: 1963 with his parents in Redding, California.

Children (8) of Martha Ross (Hughes) and Lewis Alonzo Benson⁵, Cont.

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Charles Edward Benson (5, 1).

Born: 19 May 1875 at the Lewis Benson⁵ farm home between Sparta and Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 3 May 1959 in the Masonic Hospital in Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Services were held 5 May 1959 in the First Baptist Church of Cherokee. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bill Heath. Burial was in the Cherokee Cemetery. Had Rev. Benson lived 16 days longer, he would have been 84 years old.

Married: Twice:

First - Miss Nora Mae Benson, a distant cousin on 1 January 1896 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois. They were later divorced.

Second - Mrs. Florence E. Chaffee on 10 May 1922 in Saint Louis, Saint Charles County, Missouri.

Children: (2) By his first wife: James and Grace Benson.

None by his second wife although there were 8 step-children. (This was given by Mr. Benson himself).

Charles Benson was born a premature baby at seven months. The family felt this accounted for the fact that he was much smaller than his brothers. Charles Benson himself, mentions the fact that as a child his brothers called him the "runt of the family" he was so small. He said, "My Aunt Mary (Hughes) McIntyre would take her wedding ring from her finger and place it over my hand for a bracelet. An ordinary teap cup would fit my head." This same statement was verified by other members of the family. He remained a man of small height. The writer saw and visited with him in Colorado about 1938.

Like the rest of the boys of the family, Charles attended Concord grade school and Sparta High School. When he was 18 years of age he said he felt the "Call" to become a minister but his father persuaded him that his health was such that he should follow some other occupation. He then became a farmer and for a number of years farmed about five miles out of Sparta. In the meantime he had married Miss Nora Benson, daughter of Daniel Benson. She was a cousin of Charles although not a first cousin. (See related Families) He was not satisfied with his decision to farm and many years later he still felt he had made a mistake in not following through on his desire to be a minister.

The Bensons had their house moved from the farm to a place just outside of the city limits of Sparta. Charles then gave up farming and worked for the Sparta Power Plant as an engineer. On Friday 9 October 1908, a fire destroyed the home and its contents at 2:30 a.m. The Sparta News-Plaindealer, in its 50-year ago column in the edition of 9 October 1958 carried the following article:

"At about 2:30 a.m. the first alarm called the city fire department and the bucket brigade to the home of Charles Benson and family just outside the city limits. The response was prompt but too late to save the building or the contents."

It was never learned what caused the fire although it was believed that a gas or oil stove in the basement exploded.

Nora Benson was badly burned in the fire. The couple rebuilt their home, and included an apartment that they could rent.

It was some time after the fire that Nora divorced Charles, taking the children with her. She later remarried a second time, James Woodside.

The desire to enter the ministry remained upper-most in the mind of Charles and with his wife and children gone, he began his study at nights at the Baptist Bible School in Saint Louis. He continued to work during the day at the Power Plant. Later he attended the Brooks Bible Institute in Saint Louis, Missouri. While in school there, he preached at two churches just outside of the city. He wrote that he was proud that he had an opportunity to work with the Rev. Rake of Indiana on a revival. Rev. Benson was licensed to preach in Saint Louis and in Saint Charles County on 7 June 1932. He was ordained as a Baptist minister at Blackwell, Kay County, Oklahoma. The following was a letter by Augie Henry, certifying that Rev. C. E. Benson was ordained to work of the First Baptist Church. From the letter it will be noted that Mr. Benson had remarried. The letter states:

E. W. Graalman, Chm. Deacons and Treasurer	Mrs. La Ruba B. Henderson, Choir Director	Marion Bechtel, Gen. Director B.Y.P.U. Dept.
Harland Lee, Chm. Trustees	Mrs. A. O. Via, Organist	Byron Armstrong, Supt. Sunday School
O.A. Raffety, Chm. Finance Committee		Mrs. L.S. Coombs, Pres. W.M.S.
Frank M. Robbins, Church Clerk and Secretary		A.O. Via, President Brotherhood

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
First Street at West Bridge Avenue
Black well, Oklahoma

June 17, 1933

Auguie Henry, Pastor

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the Reverend C. E. Benson of Blackwell, Oklahoma, was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church, Blackwell, Oklahoma, June 7, 1932, at the request of the Nardin Baptist Church, where Brother Benson was pastor at that time. He was licensed by the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Saint Louis, Missouri, in 1916.

You will find Brother Benson to be a splendid Christian gentleman. He loves the Lord, and believes the Bible. God has blessed him with an appreciation for the beautiful things of life, and has given him the ability to express his appreciation in speech, and writing.

As I have already said, Brother Benson believes the Bible, and he preaches its truths with power.

Brother Benson has a good helper in Mrs. Benson. She is a splendid Christian wife, and greatly interested in the work of the Kingdom.

I would like to see Brother and Sister Benson located in some church in this section of the State. If there is any further information the reader would like to have of Brother Benson, or his good wife, he may receive the same by writing me at 210 West Bridge Street, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Fraternally yours,

(S) Auguie Henry

(Note: The above letter in the original was written on one page. The names of church officers appeared at the top of the page in small type)

In the later years of his life, Charles Benson wrote that the first 35 years of his life were a complete waste. He never seemed to quite forgive himself and those who kept him from entering the ministry in his youth. In some of his letters, he expressed the wish that he had remained in Saint Louis rather than going to Blackwell, Oklahoma. He said he had a good salary and was doing quite well for himself. Members of the congregation promoted the romance with Mrs. Chaffee. After they were married, they moved to Blackwell so that she could be close to her older children. That he said was a big mistake.

As a retired Baptist minister and after the death of Florence Benson, Charles made his home at Letterman's Home, 300 East Main Street, Cherokee, Oklahoma. He was living there in 1957. Just before 15 August 1958 he moved to 122 East Main Street where he could have a down stairs apartment. The climbing of stairs had gotten quite hard for him. He did much writing after his retirement and often did supply preaching.

Although Charles Benson had suffered from a heart condition for many years, he was a man of varied interests and talents. He was a farmer, a musician, an engineer, a poet, a writer of prose and above all a minister of his Lord in Saint Louis and in several churches in Oklahoma. He was a shorter than average in height. From the letters that he wrote this writer it would seem that Rev. Benson had made his peace with his Maker and looked forward to the time when his work on this earth would be finished. That day came the 3 May 1959.

The following article appeared in the Cherokee (Alfalfa County) Oklahoma Republican under the date line of Friday, 8 May 1959:

"RITES HELD THURSDAY FOR RETIRED PASTOR

"services for Rev. Charles E. Benson, retired Baptist minister, were conducted in the First Baptist church here Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Bill Heath, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the MWA cemetery under the direction of the Hodge-Smith Funeral Home. Benson died in the Masonic hospital Sunday. He had been in ill health for the past four years, suffering from a heart condition. "Born in southern Illinois in 1875, he would have been 84 years of age on May 19. He came to Cherokee from Blackwell. "Only survivors in this srea is Adna Chafee, a step-son."

Nora Benson, first wife of Charles Benson was born in 1875 or 1876 in Randolph County, Illinois. She died Saturday 10 February 1961 at a nursing home in Sullvian, Missouri, age 86. Burial was Monday 12 February 1961 at at Ellis Grove, Illinois cemetery. She was the daughter of Daniel Benson who was born 1840 and died 1908 and Sarah Ann (Cooper) Benson who was born 18 September 1842 and died 24 December 1926. Sarah Ann Benson was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Randolph County. She was the daughter of Eliza and Hugh Cooper, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Daniel Benson was the sone of Lewis Benson, brother of J. Rice Benson. Danile was born 1840 in either Perry or Randolph County Illinois and died 1908. He married Sarah Ann Cooper 13 March 1862. Lewis Benson was born 7 January 1810, probably in Tennessee

and died 3 January 1862 near Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. He was buried in the old part of the Galum Baptist cemetery, Pinckneyville. He married Rebecca Eaton 25 January 1833 in Perry County (Marriage Record Book for 1833, p. 1). Rebecca was born 1818 and died 1892 at the age of 74 years, 10 months, and 23 days. Burial was in the old Gallum Cemetery. Rebecca was believed to be the daughter of a Baptist minister and his wife who came to Perry County from Tennessee as part of a Baptist migration from that state.

Nora and Charles Benson were divorced some time after 1909. She later married James Woodside in 1921. They lived not far from Sparta, according to Anna (Wilson) McIntyre, also a cousin of Nora Benson's through the Cooper line. While Anna was in high school she and Nora's sister Alice roomed together at their "Uncle Cooper's". Elsie (Montgomery) Cole also knew the Woodside family, some of whom married Montgomeries.

Nora Mae Benson was raised in the Baptist church in all likelihood according to Mrs. Spurgeon of Pinckneyville, while Charles Benson was raised in the Reformed Presbyterian. Mr. Benson gave no reason for his leaving his Church to become a Baptist minister.

Inez Carter⁵³ wrote that when she and her sister Bernice⁵⁴ were little girls, Charles Benson was courting Nora. They would come to the Carter home in the country and all enjoyed singing. At that time Charles played a guitar. The little girls liked Nora so well that they named their dolls for her -- Inez named hers "Nora" and her sister named hers "Alice" for Nora's sister.

"MRS. WOODSIDE DIES AT ST. LOUIS ON 10th

"Mrs. Nora Mae Woodside of St. Louis, formerly of Sparta, died on Saturday, February 10th, at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held in Saint Louis Monday, February 12th, with graveside services at Ellis Grove.

Mrs. Woodside was the widow of the late James Woodside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodside were born and reared in this vicinity.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Dwight Hughes of St. Louis; one son James Benson of Los Angeles, California; five grandchildren, three nieces and one nephew."

- - - Sparta News-Plaindealer
22 February 1962

"Mrs. Nora Woodside, mother of Mrs. Dwight Hughes, passed away Saturday February 10th at a nursing home in Sullivan, Missouri. She was buried in the Ellis Grove Cemetery Monday."

-- -- Ellis Grove notes
Sparta News-Plaindealer
15 February 1962

Florence Chaffee, second wife of Charles Benson was a widow with eight children when she met him in Saint Louis, Missouri. Her first husband died 14 March 1915. At the time Rev. Benson and Mrs. Chaffee married, her older children were married. The three younger ones lived at home with them for a time after the family moved to Blackwell, Oklahoma. Six of the eight children were May, Calista, George, Adna, Emory, and Dee Chaffee. Rev. Benson seemed to have forgotten the names of the other two. He wrote that he and Florence had no children of their own. She died before 1939.

The second Mrs. Benson was born 4 September 1874 in Kentucky. Her mother died when she was small and she was raised by an Aunt. The Aunt left her considerable property on her death both other relatives sought to break the will. After a long court battle in which the Bensons sought to save the property left Florence, they lost out, and she received nothing.

Charles Benson wrote highly of his wife Florence and the help she gave him in his work as a minister. He seemed reticent to talk of his children by his first wife although they visited him and he visited them.

Children (2) of Nora (Benson) and Charles Edward Benson²⁰.

62ⁱ James Benson (20, 5, 1)

Born: About 1896 at the Charles Benson home five miles from Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: According to the obituary of his mother in the Sparta News -- Plaindealer, 22 February 1962, he was living in Los Angeles, Calif.

Married: He was married but his wife's name was not learned.

Children: (2) Their names were not learned.

Rev. Benson did not care to write of his own children and would give little information of them when he did mention them. He did say that James married "a fine Catholic girl". James and his family lived on the west coast when Charles and his second wife visited them once.

Later James and his family were returning to Oklahoma to visit his father and perhaps others. Some place on the road James' car was involved in an accident. It was not known if the rest of the family were killed but relatives said it was believed they were. It was said that James died of injuries, however the obituary for his mother gave him as living in Los Angeles, California in February 1962.

Children (2) of _____ (_____) and James Benson⁶².

443ⁱ _____ Benson (62, 20, 5, 1).

Born:

Died:

444ⁱⁱ _____ Benson (62, 20, 5, 1)

Born:

Died:

Children (2) of Nora (Benson) and Charles Edward Benson²⁰, Continued.

63ⁱⁱ

Grace Benson (20, 5, 1).

Born: About 1901 at the farm home of her parents five miles from Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In St. Louis, Missouri in February 1962.

Married: Dwight Hughes in 1921.

Children: (2 or 3) Margery; Roy Gene; and James Hughes.

Both James and Grace Benson were born in the Sparta area and attended the early grades of school there. It was not learned if they and their mother remained in Sparta but it was thought they did. After her marriage Grace lived in Saint Louis, Missouri, according to her father, Charles Benson²⁰. In 1960, Mrs. Anna McIntyre called the phone listed for Dwight Hughes in Saint Louis at the request of the writer. The woman who answered the phone said she was not Grace Benson Hughes, that she had never lived in Sparata and she did not know anyone who had. However, the obituary notice of her mother listed her as living in St. Louis, Missouri. The Ellis Grove news notes as in the Sparta New-Plaindealer, 15 February 1962 spoke of Mrs. Nora Woodside as being the mother of Mrs. of Mrs. Dwight Hughes.

As a child of three, Grace lost three fingers in an accident. According to the family, James was given a small hatchet with which he was playing. Grace kept teasing him by putting her hand on the chopping block. After removing her hand several times, James told her the next time he would just cut her fingers if she didn't get them out of the way. Just as the hatchet came down she placed her hand in the way, and the fingers came off.

Charles Benson said that Grace had two children but he knew nothing about them. Mrs. Torrens in her book Family Genealogies of Randolph County listed Grace and Dwight Hughes as having three children, Marjory; Roy Gene and James Hughes. The obituary of her mother listed 5 grandchildren so it is possible that Grace and her husband did have the three children.

Children (2 or 3) of Grace (Benson)⁶³ and Dwight Hughes.

460ⁱ

Margery Hughes (63, 20, 5, 1).

Born: Probably in 1921 or 1922

Died:

Married: _____ in September 1950

Children:

Children (2 or 3) of Grace (Benson)⁶³ and Dwight Hughes, Continued.

461ⁱⁱ

Roy Gene Hughes (63, 20, 5, 1).

Born: 1922 or 1923

Died: July 1929, age about 7 years. Death was said to be caused by injuries sustained in an auto accident.

462ⁱⁱⁱ

James Hughes (63, 20, 5, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Continued from page 146.

Brothers and sisters of Lorina (Witty) Gillen

Carol Witty, born 17 July 1928, married William Spears, three children, Linda, Mila, and Lesa Spears.

Charles Joseph Witty, born 25 June 1930, married Carolyn Spears, three children, Marshall, Lynne and Laurie Witty.

Benjamin Miles Witty, born 5 December 1934

John Edward Witty, born 17 March 1935

David Earl Witty, born 11 February 1938

SECTION 6

AMANDA MELISSA BENSON AND HER DESCENDENTS

6^v Amanda Melissa Benson (1).

Born: 4 March 1842 on the Rice Benson¹ farm in Randolph County, Illinois, not far from Steeleville.

Died: 28 (or 25) January 1907 at her home near Steeleville, Illinois. One grandson and a daughter gave her death as late as 7 January. Death followed a stroke, accompanied, perhaps, by pneumonia. Melissa Benson Howie was buried in the old cemetery on the Rice Benson¹ farm four miles north of Steeleville and about a half mile east.

Married: James Howie on 9 June 1858 in Randolph County, Illinois. The record of the wedding was on file in the Randolph marriage record book, County Court house, Chester, Illinois.

Children: (15) Margaret Elvira; James Thaddeus; Malissa Adaline; Mary Jane; Mariar Emma; Markus Lewis; John Elijah; Rachel Florence; Samuel; Alfred Rice; Ada Ellen; David; Thomas Charles; Abram Lincoln and Anna Mae Howie.

Little was known about Melissa Benson as a child or as a young woman. The U.S. census for 1850 in Illinois listed her as living at home with her parents. She was given as being eight years of age. Her mother died not long after the census was taken and it was not known if Melissa lived on with her brother or if she lived with some other relative or neighbor as often happened in the early days of the country. She married, however, when she was just over sixteen years of age.

The 1850 census listed her as "Amanda E." or what appears to be an "E". It is possible that the census-taker made the "M" on a slant so that it resembled the other letter. Many such workers wrote with such a fancy hand or so poorly that the records were next to impossible to read. The name "Melissa" was the name given by family members. The name appears as "Amānda M." on the marriage record.

As shown before, there was some variance as to the time of Melissa's death. While most to the living relatives in 1959 agreed that it occurred either on the 25th or the 28th of January, one grandson Arthur Howie⁷¹, believed it to have been on 7 January. He said he remembered as a child attending the funeral at the Howie home, for the adults there said the butter served at the meals was that churned by Melissa the day before her death. It was possible that the 7 January date was the day she was buried. In that era the weather was cold in January and the ground was often frozen so that burial could not take place for several days or a week after the funeral service.

James Howie, husband of Amanda Melissa Benson was born 16 November 1838 in Scotland. He died at his home in Randolph County, Illinois on 9 March 1883. Death was due to pneumonia. Burial was in the Rice Benson¹ cemetery on the old Benson farm. Mr. Howie immigrated to America in or about 1835 from Scotland. He settled in the Steeleville, Illinois area and farmed there until his death. Nothing was known of his early life.

J. C. McFeeters, in his book, Sketches of the Covenanters, page 213, told of one John Howie whose home in Lochgoin, Scotland was a meeting place for the Covenantors in 1665. The writer went on to tell of many of the experiences of those early Presbyterians, many of which were not to pleasant. The name "Covenanter" was originally given to a Scottish religious group which struggled for religious liberty. They were so called because they bound themselves together by a covenant to maintain Presbyterian doctrines. For many years the Presbyterians of Scotland fought to maintain their faith rather than adopt the religion of the Kings of England. As a result the Covenantors suffered much persecution in Scotland. One particular night according to Mr. McFeeters, the forces of King Charles II attempted to capture some of the leaders of the Covenantors who were known to be meeting at the John Howie home. When the soldiers arrived, Mrs. Howie stood in the doorway and disputed their right to enter her home. The guests had time to escape by way of a back door. For this act Mrs. Howie was said to have suffered much and her life was continually sought. Often Mrs. Howie, as did other Covenantors, took cover in caves, forests or on the moors.

Today the Howie home in Lochgoin, Scotland still stands. It was built of stone, one story high with a loft. In 1912 it was occupied by another John Howie, the 28th successive generation to live in the house built in 1178. It was used as a museum to house a collection of souvenirs of the early Covenator Martyrs.

There was no proof that the James Howie in Steeleville was a direct descendant of the John Howie of Lochgoin but coming from Scotland as he did and being of the Covenator faith, later the Reformed Presbyterian, it would seem possible that he was at least related in some way.

Children (15) of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie.

21ⁱ Margaret Elvira Howie (6, 1)

Born: 22 April 1859 or 1860 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 11 January 1896 in Randolph County. Death was due to a tumor.

Married: James Snodgrass.

Children: (4) It was believed that at least four children were born to the union but the names were not learned.

Children (4) of Margaret Elvira (Howie)²¹ and James Snodgrass.

64ⁱ _____ Snodgrass (21, 6, 1)

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

65ⁱⁱ _____ Snodgrass (21, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

66ⁱⁱⁱ _____ Snodgrass 21, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

67^{iv} _____ Snodgrass (21, 6, 1)

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson) and James Howie, Continued.

22ⁱⁱ James Thadeus Howie (6, 1)

Born: 26 November 1860 at the Howie farm home between Sparta and Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 20 November 1914 at Tulip (or Pine Bluff), Arkansas of a heart attack. He had suffered from a leakage of the heart for sometime. Burial was given by one descendent as being at Tulip. Another said burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. The later was perhaps correct.

Married: Laura Anna Mackintosh (sometimes spelled McIntosh in later years) at Corinth, Illinois on 30 July 1884.

Children: Ten children were born to Laura (McIntosh) and James T. Howie. They were: 1. James Wesley; 2. Lawrence E; 3. Floyd Edgar; 4. Arthur; 5. Harry T.; 6. Stella Edith May; 7. Emma Lalah Bell; 8. Bertha Anna Marie; 9. Clara Ada; and 10. Pearl Ethel Howie.

James Thaddeus Howie finished Randolph county schools and attended Blackburn College for a time, according to later Howies. It was claimed that he met Miss Laura McIntosh at Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois when they were both students there. They later married. James left school and became a farmer and a carpenter. He moved his family to Arizona then to Arkansas before 1914 because of his health.

Laura Anna McIntosh, wife of James Thaddeus Howie was born on the 11 July 1864 or 1865 at Hoodville, Hamilton County, Illinois and died 12 December 1958 at Clarkston, Ascotin County, Washington. Burial was 16 December 1958 at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. She was 93 years of age at the time of her death and was almost blind. Her death was attributed to infirmities of old age.

The following obituary appeared in The Commercial-News of Danville, Illinois of Monday 15 December 1958.

OBITUARY OF MRS. LAURA M. HOWIE

"Services for Mrs. Laura McIntosh Howie, 94, a former resident of Danville, who died Friday in Clarkston, Washington are tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church here. Elder Larry Kagles of Columbus, Ohio, will officiate, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery. The body is expected to arrive Monday at the Barrick and Sons Funeral Home."

Laura Anna McIntosh was the daughter of the Rev. James Wesley and Nancy Jane (Hendricks) Mackintosh or McIntosh. Rev. McIntosh was a Methodist minister.

Pearl Howie Hoppe wrote of her Mother, "although she was almost blind she remained a sweet little woman and a good Christian." It is understood from Mrs. Hoppe's letter that Stephen McIntosh, a brother of Laura's compiled a McIntosh Family History in which the McIntosh line was dealt with more completely.

Children (10) of Laura Anna (McIntosh) and James Thaddeus Howie²².

68ⁱ James "Jimmie" Wesley Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 14 August 1885

Died: 26 November 1956 at Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri. Burial was in Sedalia.

Married: Minnie Glave

Children: Three children were born to this union. Their names were not learned.

James Wesley Howie was named for his grandfather, James Wesley McIntosh.

Mrs. Minnie (Glave) Howie was living at 521 North Prospect, Sedalia, Missouri in 1959.

69ⁱⁱ Lawrence E. Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 12 October 1887

Died: 2 September 1958 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois of a sudden heart attack. Death was almost immediate.

Married: Twice - 1st. Myra Hickman who died. 2nd. Marie Housh who lived at 19 Mauck Lane, Danville, Illinois in 1960.

Children: (19) Three children were born to Lawrence Howie and his first wife. Their names were not learned.

There were 16 children born to Lawrence Howie by his second wife. Their names were not known.

70ⁱⁱⁱ Floyd Edgar Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 25 December 1889.

71^v Arthur Howie (22, 6, 1)

Born: 12 September 1891 at Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois.

Living: December 1959 at 426 Mountain View Drive, College Place, Washington with his wife.

Married: Mabel Marie Martin on 6 March 1920 at Advance, Indiana.

Children of Mabel Marie Martin and Arthur Howie⁷¹.

Children: (4) Stephen; Frontis; Wayne Alfred; and Doris Marie Howie.

Arthur Howie attended elementary school in Randolph County. He had worked at various occupations such as: painter, log cutter, farmer, trapper, billing station operator, groceryman, auto mechanic, fruit picker, carpenter, well driller, brick mason, block layer, plumber, electrician and tree topper.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, serving as a Deacon, Elder and Sabbath School teacher in churches at the various places where the family lived -- Danville, Illinois; Gentry, Arkansas; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Mercedes, Texas; Bennerdale, Arkansas; Granger and College Place, Washington.

Mabel Marie Martin, wife of Arthur Howie was born 23 September 1900 at Bismark, Illinois. She was the daughter Fannie (Wurtsbough) and Charles Martin. Fannie Wurtsbough was born 22 April 1875 and Charles Martin was born 13 July 1875 at Jasonville, Greene County, Indiana. He was a farmer when he married Fannie on 20 September 1899 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Children (4) of Mabel Marie (Martin) and Arthur Howie⁷¹.

218ⁱ Stephen Howie (71, 22, 6, 1)

Born:

Died: Died in infancy.

219ⁱⁱ Frontis Howie (71, 22, 6, 1)

Born:

Died: Died in infancy.

220ⁱⁱⁱ Wayne Alfred Howie (71, 22, 6, 1)

Born: 10 December 1931 at Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

Died: 9 April 1939 at Mercedes, Cameron County, Texas.

221^{iv} Doris Marie Howie (71, 22, 6, 1)

Born: 9 November 1935 at Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

Living: Living at 426 Mountain View Drive, College Place, Washington in November 1959.

Married: Virgil Drite (?) on 28 December 1955 in Nevada.

Children: None in 1959.

The information for Arthur Howie and his family was provided by Arthur Howie.

Children of Laura Anna (McIntosh) and James Thaddeus Howie²², Continued.

72^v Harry T. Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 18 March 1894

Living: 1960 R. R. 4, Box 393, Danville, Illinois.

Married: Grace Esther Lewis

Children: Names or number of children not known.

73^{vi} Stella Edith May Howie (22, 6, 1). (See 224a)

Born: 17 July 1896

Living: 1960 at 1212 North Martin, Danville, Illinois

Married: Joseph McFadden

Children (8) Names of children on Pages 224a through 224f.

74^{vii} Emma Lalah Bell Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 31 January 1899 at Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1960 in Linden, Perry County, Tennessee.

Married: Robert Archibald Phillips 28 August 1916 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. According to material sent by Mrs. Phillips.

Children: (2), Archibald; Mildred Laverene Phillips.

Robert Phillips was born 26 July 1890 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He was the son of Marian (French) and Archibald Phillips. Archibald Phillips was born in April 1862 in Glasgow, Scotland and worked as a miner. Marian French was born 21 August 1866 in Glasgow, Scotland. They were married 29 August before 1917 in Danville, Illinois. The information for Emma (Howie) and her family was sent by Mrs. Emma (Howie) Phillips.

Children (2) of Emma (Howie) and Robert Phillips.

250ⁱ Archibald Phillips. (74, 22, 6, 1)

Born: 23 November 1917 in Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Living: 1960 at 209 East Elm, Danville, Illinois.

Married: Margie Marie Hale in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Children: (2) Children had been born to this couple by 1957; Robert Dean; and David Allen Phillips.

73 Estella "Stella" Edith May Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 17 July 1896 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: June 1963 at 433 North 23rd Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Married: Joseph McFadden, 11 December 1913.

Children: (10) Virginia E; William James; Joseph Junior; Edith May; Virgil Allen; Rosalie Anna; Joseph Darrel; Elizabeth Loise; Irene Wanda; and Beverly June McFadden.

Estella "Stella" Edith May Howie was born and raised near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois. She also attended school there.

Joseph McFadden Sr. was born 3 August 1894. He and his wife Estella, owned their own home at 1212 Martin Street, Danville, Illinois in 1963 to which they expected to return. They had however rented the house and moved to Battle Creek, Michigan in the spring of 1962. Mr. McFadden accepted the position of night watchman at the Battle Creek Sanitarium and hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McFadden were members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. In addition to being grandparents several times, they were also great-grandparents five times by 1963.

Children of Estella "Stella" Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden.

222ⁱ Virginia E. McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 10 July 1914 in Illinois.

Living: June 1963.

Married: Lowell K. Andrews

Children: (1) Gail Andrews.

Child of Virginia E. (McFadden)²²² and Lowell K. Andrews.

328ⁱ Gail Andrews (222, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 1950 as she was 13 years of age in June 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Cont.

223ⁱⁱ William James McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 2 October 1915 in Illinois.

Living: June 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

223ⁱ William James McFadden - Continued

Married: Twice; first to Martha Jones, secondly to Mary Newby.

Children: (2) By first wife, Caroline and Joseph McFadden.

None by the second wife.

Children of Martha (Jones) and William James McFadden²²³.

329ⁱ Caroline McFadden (223, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 1938, as she was 25 years of age in June of 1963.

Living: 1963.

Married: Name of husband was not given.

Children: (3) Two girls and one boy. Names not given.

330ⁱⁱ Joseph McFadden (223, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 1941 as he was 22 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

224ⁱⁱⁱ Joseph McFadden Jr. (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 22 February 1919 in Illinois.

Died: Lived only eleven days. Death was due to pneumonia.

225^{iv} Edith May McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 22 February 1920 or 21 in Illinois.

Died: Died five hours after birth of influenza.

226^v Virgil Allen McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 6 July 1923 in Illinois.

Living: In June 1963.

Married: Lois Sarks in 1942.

Children: (3), Victor, Garry and Keith McFadden.

Children of Lois (Sanks) and Virgel Allen McFadden²²⁶.

331ⁱ Victor McFadden (226, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1943 as he was 20 years of age in 1963.

Living: In June 1963.

Married: Name not given.

Children: Two baby boys born about one year apart.

332ⁱⁱ Garry McFadden (226, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1946, as he was about 17 years of age in 1963.

Living: In June 1963.

333ⁱⁱⁱ Keith McFadden (226, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1952 as he was 11 years of age in June 1943.

Living: In June 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

227^{vi} Rosalie Anna McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 12 June 1926 in Illinois.

Living: June 1963.

Married: Charles E. Todd.

Children: (2) Merriam and Sharion Todd.

Children of Rosalie Anna (McFadden)²²⁷ and Charles E. Todd.

334ⁱ Merriam Todd (227, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1944 as she was 19 years of age in 1963.

Living: In 1963.

Married: Jack Kameen

Children: (2) Two boys, names not given.

Children of Rosalie Anna (McFadden)²²⁷ and Charles E. Todd, Continued.

335ⁱⁱ

Sharion Todd (227, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1946, as she was about 17 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

Married: Richard "Dick" Massey.

Children: (1) One little daughter about five months old in June 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

228^{vii}

Joseph Darrel McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 3 February 1929 in Illinois.

Living: June 1963.

Married: Barbara Lynch

Children: None in 1963.

229^{viii}

Elizabeth Loise McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 5 February 1931 in Illinois

Living: June 1963.

Married: Twice: First to Austin Hoover. Divorced.
Secondly: Lawrence Acree.

Children: (3) Two by first husbnad; John "Johnny" and Lawrence "Larry" Hoover.
One by second husband; Diana Lynn Acree.

Children of Elizabeth Loise (McFadden)²²⁹ and Austin Hoover.

336ⁱ

John "Johnny" Hoover (229, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1951 as he was 12 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

337ⁱⁱ

Lawrence "Larry" Hoover (229, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1953, as he was 10 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

Children of Elizabeth Loise (McFadden)²²⁹ and second husband, Lawrence Acree.

338ⁱⁱⁱ Diana Lynn Acree (229, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1952 as she was 2½ years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

230^{ix} Irene Wanda McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 12 May 1934 in Illinois.

Living: 1963

Married: Harold Werning.

Children: (3) Lonnie, James and Diania Lynn Werning (?).

Children of Irene Wanda (McFadden)²³⁰ and Harold Werning.

340ⁱ Lonnie Werning (230, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1955 as he was 8 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

341ⁱⁱ James "Jimmie" Werning (230, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1957 as he was 8 years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

342ⁱⁱⁱ Diania Lynn Werning (230, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About December 1961 as she was nineteen months old in June 1963.

Living: 1963.

Children of Estella Edith May (Howie)⁷³ and Joseph McFadden, Continued.

231^x Beverly June McFadden (73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 5 February 1937 in Illinois.

Living: 1963.

Married: William Kraner.

Children: (3) Stephen, Deborah and Rebecia Kraner.

Children of Beverly June (McFadden)²³¹ and William Kraner.

530ⁱ Stephen Kraner (231, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: About 1956 as he was seven years of age in 1963.

Living: 1963.

531ⁱⁱ Deborah Kraner (231, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 26 July 1957.

Living: 1963.

532ⁱⁱⁱ Rebecia Kraner (231, 73, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 17 July 1958.

Living: 1963.

Children (2) of Margie Marie (Hale) and Archibald Phillip²⁵⁰.

450ⁱ Robert Dean Phillips (250, 74, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 23 December 1950

Living: 1960

451ⁱⁱ David Allen Phillips (250, 74, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 13 January 1956

Living: 1960

Children of Emma (Howie)⁷⁴ and Robert A. Phillips, Continued

251ⁱⁱ Mildred Laverene Phillips (74, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 12 May 1920 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois

Living: 1960 at 1620 North West 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

Married: Stanley L. Seigmund on 29 October 1939 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Children: Three children had been born to this union: James Donald; Charles Michael (twin of James Donald); and Stanely Phillip Seigmund.

Children (3) of Mildren Laverene (Phillips)²⁵¹ and Stanley L. Seigmund.

452ⁱ James Donald Seigmund)
) (251, 74, 22, 6, 1). Twin boys

453ⁱⁱ Charles Michael Seigmund)

Born: 8 November 1940

Living: 1960

454ⁱⁱⁱ Stanley Phillip Seigmund (251, 74, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 7 January 1942

Living: 1960

Children of Laura Anna (McIntosh) and James Thaddeus Howie²², Cont.

75^{viii}

Bertha Anna Marie Howie (22, 6, 1)

Born: 22 October 1901 at Cainsville, Harrison County, Missouri, as given by Mrs. Crites.

Living: 1960 at 645 North East 7th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida in the winter. In the summer the family lived at 52 South Gilbert, Danville, Illinois.

Married: William Guy Crites on 24 December 1920 at County Farm, two miles north east of Coffeen, Montgomery County, Illinois.

Children: Two children were born to this union: William Guy Jr. and Ray David Crites.

Bertha Howie's father died when she was twelve years old and she found it necessary to go to work as soon as she finished elementary school. Her hobby was flower raising.

William Guy Crites was born 12 March 1885 at Coffeen, Montgomery County, Illinois, the son of Sarah Matilda (Myers) and David Isaac Crites. David Isaac Crites was born 13 January 1855 near Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois. He died 20 April 1935 at Coffeen, Illinois. During his life time he had been a farmer. He married Sarah Matilda Myers in 1876 at Hillsboro. Sarah Myers was born 12 December 1855 at Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois and died 25 April 1920, at Coffeen, Illinois. Bertha and William Guy Crites owned 200 acres of good farm land in 1960.

Children (2) of Bertha (Howie)⁷⁵ and William Guy Crites.

252ⁱ

William Guy Crites Jr. (75, 22, 6, 1)

Born: 25 October 1922 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Living: 1960 at 103 Woodlawn Road, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia.

Unmarried: In 1960.

William Guy Crites was a College graduate and held a Master's degree but the name of the school was not given. He served with the Armed Forces during World War II.

253ⁱⁱ

Ray, David Crites (75, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 6 December 1925

Living: Believed to be living in 1960.

Married: Virginia Bolenbaugh

Children (2) of Bertha (Howie)⁷⁵ and William Guy Crites, Continued.

253ⁱⁱ Ray David Crites (75, 22, 6, 1), Continued.

Children: Three children were born to this marriage: Laura Ellen; David Allen and Melissia Ann Crites.

Ray David was a college graduate, holds a Master's degree. He served in World War II in the Armed Forces.

Virginia Bolenbaugh was born 22 February 1924.

Children (3) of Virginia Bolenbaugh and Ray David Crites²⁵³

455ⁱ Laura Ellen Crites (253, 75, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 12 June 1952 in Vinton, Iowa.

Living: 1960

456ⁱⁱ David Allen Crites (253, 75, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 6 March 1958 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.

Living: 1960

457ⁱⁱⁱ Melissia Ann Crites (253, 75, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 30 May 1959 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.

Living: 1960

Bertha Anna Marie Crites supplied the above information.

Children of Laura Anna (McIntosh) and James Thaddeus Howie²², Cont.

76^{ix} Clara Ada Howie (22, 6, 1).

Born: 6 February 1905

Living: 1960 at 303 Valley, Kalamazoo 50, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

Married: Charles Richard Reeves

Children: Three children were born to this couple. Their names were not learned.

Children of Laura Anna (McIntosh) and James Thaddeus Howie²², Cont.

77^x

Pearl Ethel Howie (22, 6, 1)

Born: 8 August 1907 at Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1960 at Clarkston, Ascotin County, Washington.

Married: Pearl Howie was married three times:

1st - _____ Snyder before 1930. Divorced in 1934.

2nd - Ira Hamilton Lewis on 7 December 1943 in Colfax, Whitman County, Washington. He died 24 February 1949.

3rd - Albert Eugene Hoppe on 28 November 1954 at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

Children: Pearl had two children, one by each of the first two husbands: Norma Jean Snyder and Gail Alice Lewis.

Children (2) of Pearl Howie⁷⁷ by her first husband, Mr. Snyder.

257ⁱ

Norma Jean Snyder (77, 22, 6, 1)

Born: 15 April 1931 at Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois

Living: 1960 at RR #2 Box 312 A, Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana.

Married: H. C. Hagermann

Children of Pearl Ethel (Howie)⁷⁷ and her second husband, Ira Hamilton Lewis.

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Gail Alice Lewis (77, 22, 6, 1).

Born: 9 November 1946 at Colfax, Whitman County, Washington.

Living: 1960 at 1018 Sycamore, Clarkston, Ascotin County, Washington.

The information of Pearl Howie Hoppe and her family was sent by Pearl herself.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

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Malisa Adaline Howie (6, 1).

Born: 11 September 1852 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 17 January 1876 at the age of 14 years, near Steeleville. Cause of death was not given. She was buried in the Benson cemetery on the Rice Benson farm.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

24^{iv} Mary Jane "Janie" Howie (6, 1).

Born: 10 September 1864 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 13 January 1906 near Percy, Perry County, Illinois. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Married: Richard D. Robinson at the Blair Church.

Children: (3) ^{James} Byron; Richard Gilbert; and Bessie Robinson.

Mary Jane Howie attended school in a rural school before she was married. She died at the age of 41 years, 4 months and 3 days of tuberculosis.

There was a difference in the spelling of the name of Richard Robinson. Some records and some news reports spell the name "Robinson" part of the time. At other times the name was spelled "Robison". His second wife spelled the name "Robinson". He died in Sparta 24 December 1938. Burial was in Caledonia Cemetery there.

After the death of Jane, his first wife, Richard Robinson married a second time. His second wife was Miss Minnie McCormick, who was born 25 March 1872 near Sparta, Illinois. According to an article in the Fifty Year Ago Column of The Sparta News-Plaindealer for 7 February 1958, "R.D. Robinson of Percy, Illinois married Miss Minnie McCormick of Sparta, Illinois." The above date would place the second marriage of Richard Robinson in 1908 or about two years after his first wife's death.

Mrs. Minnie (McCormick) Robinson had lived in Sparta, Illinois all of her life. In October 1961 she entered the Sparta Community Hospital. When she was improved, she went to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mae and Kenneth L. Bumann¹³⁴. On Sunday 25 March 1962, Mrs. Robinson celebrated her 90th birthday at the Bumann home. Many friends and relatives called on her that day. In July 1962 she returned to her own home in Sparta. She was still living in January 1963.

One child was born to Minnie (McCormick) and Richard D. Robinson, Mae Robinson. Miss Robinson married Kenneth L. Bumann¹³⁴.

Children of Mary Jane Howie²⁴ and Richard D. Robinson.

78ⁱ ^{James} Byron Robinson (24, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married: _____ Hill.

Children:

Children of Mary Jane Howie²⁴ and Richard D. Robinson.

79ⁱⁱ Richard Gilbert Robinson (24, 6, 1).

Born: Born in Randolph County.

Living: Living in Iowa in the fall of 1963 when he, his wife and children visited in Sparta".

Married: He was married.

Children: Children were born to this couple.

80ⁱⁱⁱ Bessie Jane Robinson (24, 6, 1).

Born: 2 November 1893 or 4 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 30 August 1924 near Sparta, Illinois. Cause of death was not given. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta, Illinois.

Married: William Neal McIntyre as his second wife, on 31 July 1912.

Children: (3 or 4) Everett Earl; Raymond Richard; and Florence Mae McIntyre. Mrs. Torrens in her book, *Genealogies of Families in Randolph County* lists a girl Evelyn Jane who died early. None of the relatives seemed to have heard of such a daughter.

Bessie Robinson was called "Bess" part of the time and since it was also a nickname for "Elizabeth", it would seem likely that she was christened "Elizabeth". The real name, as often happened, was lost by the use of the nickname. The "Jane" was no doubt for her mother. Bessie attended rural schools in Randolph County before her marriage to Mr. McIntyre in 1912.

William Neal McIntyre, sometimes called "Sweet William", was born in Randolph County, Illinois near Sparta on 6 December 1879 and died there 27 July 1947. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta. William McIntyre was the son of Samuel McIntyre and Sarah Jane (Ervin) McIntyre.

Samuel McIntyre was born about 1846 in Knockvallen, Balleymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died 1 June 1924 in Sparta, Illinois and was buried there. He married Sarah Jane Ervin 6 March 1877 in Randolph County. She was born 22 May 1853 and died 14 August 1883 near Cutler, Illinois. Burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta. Sarah Jane was the daughter of Henry Ervin who was born 8 August 1821 and died 1 May 1873 in Cutler, Illinois and his first wife Elizabeth Jane Hunter. Henry Ervin was the son of Thomas Ervin who was born in Balleymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died 28 June 1855 in the Cutler area of Randolph County, Illinois. He married Mary in Northern Ireland. She was born about 1792 and died 4 February 1844 near Cutler, Illinois at the age of 52 years. There were six children. The Ervins early immigrated to America and settled in the Cutler area of Randolph County, Illinois.

Neal McIntyre, father of Samuel and grandfather of William Neal McIntyre was born about 1800 in Knockvallen, Balleymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died 20 September 1870 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. He married Margaret McConachie in County Antrim about 1830. She was born about 1805 in County Antrim, the daughter of Martha (Steele) and John McConachie. She died 2 July 1894 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. The couple had either ten or eleven children. The early McIntyres were of the Covenanter Presbyterian faith. Neal McIntyre and his wife immigrated to America and settled in Randolph County after their ^{children} had become established there.

The father of Neal McIntyre was also a Neal McIntyre born between 1740 and 1750 in County Antrim according to the Camac notes (Ref. T. 1177 P.R.O., N.I., as sent the writers by I. Embleton of the Scot-Irish Historical Society, Belfast, Ireland). According to the reference one Robert Roan leased land in Knockvallen to Neal McIntyre who was then 20 years of age. The name was often spelled McIntire in early records.

William Neal McIntyre attended the rural school in Randolph and later farmed for himself. He married first Clara L. Been in 1905. She died, leaving a baby son. The boy, raised by an uncle and aunt lived to be 13 years old then died. After the death of his second wife, Bessie Robinson, William Neal married a third time, a Mrs. Emma D. Turner. She survived him.

Children of Bessie Jane (Robinson)⁸⁰ and William Neal McIntyre.

260ⁱ Evelyn Jane McIntyre (80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: About 1916 in Randolph County, Illinois

Died: When 8 or 10 years old.

261ⁱⁱ Everett Earl McIntyre (80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 24 June 1917 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in March 1963 with his wife and children in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was stationed at Fort Carson there.

Married: Hisa Murikami.

Children: (3) Patrick E; William E; and Sarah A. McIntyre.

Everett Earl McIntyre was educated in the rural schools of Randolph County, Illinois. He served in World War II and at its close decided to make the army his career. He was stationed at Frankfort, Germany in 1954 and 1955. For a time he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was then transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1958 the Sparta News-Plaindealer carried the following note:

"Master Sergeant Everette McIntyre of Fort Benning, Georgia visited the Harvey Pillers."

Mrs. Harvey Pillers (Ruth) was a cousin of Everett McIntyre. It will be noted that the Sparta papers as well as some of the relatives of Mr. McIntyre spelled the name as "Everette". When Sergeant Major McIntyre sent a Christmas card to the writer and her husband in 1962, he signed his name "Everett".

The McIntyres were returned to Fort Riley and from there they were sent to Germany for a tour of duty. In the fall of 1962 the family was returned to the United States and visited in Sparta where the children were entered in the Sparta elementary school.

During that year Master Sergeant McIntyre was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major. He was then assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. His address there was Hq. Spt. Commandpr., 5th Inf. Division (Mech.), Fort Carson, Colorado.

Mr. McIntyre married Miss Hisa Murikami.

Children of Hisa (Murikami) and Everett Earl McIntyre²⁶¹:

470ⁱ Patrick E. McIntyre (261, 80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 11 March 1952 at Fort Riley, Riley County, Kansas.

Living: January 1963 with his parents in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Patrick McIntyre had moved with his parents to the various army camps, to Germany and back to Sparta, Illinois. In the fall of 1962, he entered the Sparta elementary school but soon transferred to the Colorado Springs school system.

471ⁱⁱ William E. McIntyre (261, 80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: 14 March 1954 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Living: Living in January 1963 in Colorado Springs, Colorado with his parents.

William McIntyre was born in Germany while his father was stationed with the army there. He entered the Sparta elementary school in the fall of 1962 but like his brother, transferred to the Colorado Springs school system when his parents moved there.

472ⁱⁱⁱ Sarah A. McIntyre (261, 80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 21 September 1955 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Living: Living in January 1963 with her parents in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Susan, like her brothers, was enrolled in the Sparta, Illinois grade school but transferred to the Colorado School system later in the fall of 1962.

Relatives of Everett McIntyre said one of Hisa's and Everett's children was named "Jane". It was not certain if there was another girl or if the several relatives were mistaken. A letter to Sergeant Major McIntyre in January 1963 asking for informat of the children was not answered by the time the outline was completed.

Children of (Bessie Jane Robinson)⁸⁰ and William Neal McIntyre, Cont.

262ⁱⁱ Raymond Richard McIntyre (80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: 3 April 1919 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living on his farm near Sparta in 1960 but he and his family planned to move in to Sparta in the fall of 1960. They were living in 1963.

Married: Pearl Katherine Chism on 17 May 1942.

Children: (3) Barbara Ann; William; and a son McIntyre.

Raymond Richard McIntyre received his education in the schools of Randolph County, Illinois and in the Sparta high school. He farmed in the Sparta area. He married Pearl Katherine Chism on 17 May 1942.

Pearl Chism was born 23 November 1920 and was living with her husband and family in 1963. She was a sister of James and Robert Chism also of Randolph County. Mrs. Pearl (Chism) McIntyre was in an auto accident in 1956 and as a result was forced to use crutches for some time. Pearl Chism McIntyre was a aunt of Cynthia Lee Chism who married Walter Robert Howie³⁰¹.

Children of Pearl Katherine (Chism) and Raymond Richard McIntyre²⁶².

473ⁱ Barbara Ann McIntyre (262, 80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 14 February 1944 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living 1963.

Unmarried: 1962.

Barbara Ann McIntyre attended school in Randolph County, Illinois and graduated from Sparta Township High School in 1962. She planned to attend Lutheran Hospital for Nurses training.

474ⁱⁱ William Chism McIntyre (262, 80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: 1 April 1946 near Sparta in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living with his parents in 1963.

Children of Pearl Katherine (Chism) and Raymond Richard McIntyre²⁶²,
Continued.

475ⁱⁱⁱ _____ McIntyre (262, 80, 6, 1).

Born: This son was born in 1948.

Living: He was living with his parents in 1963.

Children of Bessie Jane (Robinson)⁸⁰ and William Neal McIntyre, Cont.
263ⁱⁱⁱ Florence Mae McIntyre (80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: 26 June 1923 at the family farm home near Sparta, Illinois.

Living: Living in Sparta 1963. Florence and her husband had lived on a farm near Sparta but later moved into Sparta.

Married: W. Lawrence Wilson on 23 October 1940.

Children: (4) William Lawrence; Lawrence "Larry" Wayne; Mary Lou (or Ellen); and Katherine Wilson.

Florence McIntyre was educated in the rural schools of Randolph County, Illinois. She was an active member of the Randolph Home Bureau.

W. Lawrence Wilson was born 2 September 1917. (The date of 27 November 1914 was given by some of the relatives as his birth date.) He was living with his wife and family in Sparta in 1963. Mr. Wilson was the son of Miller Wilson of Sparta. He served as a member of the Board of Education of the Sparta Community Consolidated School District from 1958 to 1961. He served on the grade school board in 1960 and 1961. In 1962 the district was consolidated with the Sparta and other schools in the county to form the Randolph County Unit District Number 140. Mr. Wilson was elected to the new board of the Unit District. The board elected him their secretary. It might be interesting to note that the Sparta News-Plaindealer of 25 October 1962 gave the number of the Sparta community consolidated district as 128 and in the 8 November 1962 edition the name was given as Randolph County Unit District and the number was 140. There were two school boards, grade school and high school. Mr. Wilson was a member of both.

Children of Florence Mae (McIntyre)²⁶³ and W. Lawrence Wilson.
476ⁱ W. Lawrence Wilson Jr. (263, 80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 5 October 1941 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 10 December 1941 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Children of Florence Mae (McIntyre)²⁶³ and W. Lawrence Wilson, Cont.

477ⁱⁱ Lawrence "Larry" Wayne Wilson (263, 80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: 2 November 1944 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1963 in Sparta.

Unmarried: 1963.

Larry Wilson attended grade school in the Sparta system. He graduated from the Sparta Township High School.

478ⁱⁱⁱ Mary Ellen (or Lou) Wilson (263, 80, 24, 6, 1).

Born: 15 January 1947 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: Living in 1963 with her parents in Sparta.

Mary Lou Wilson attended schools in or near Sparta and Sparta Township High School.

479^{iv} Katherine Wilson (263, 80, 24, 6, 1)

Born: About 1949 or 1950 near Sparta in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963 with her parents in Sparta and attending school there.

Some of the information on the children of Bessie Robinson McIntyre⁸⁰ was furnished by Sparta News-Plaindealer notes, Mrs. Lester Brown McIntyre and some was from the Family genealogies by Mrs. Frank Torrens. The last book was in the genealogy Library of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Children of Amanda Melissa Benson⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

25^v Mariar Emma Howie (6, 1).

Born: 15 June 1866 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 7 May 1945 at Steeleville, Illinois. Death was due to cancer. She was 79 years of age at the time.

Married: Charles Palmer.

Children: (7) Ethel; Dollie; Christopher; Charles A.; Grover; a daughter; and Betty Palmer.

The above list of children may not be in order of age.

Children of Mariar Emma Howie²⁵ and Charles Palmer.

81ⁱ Ethel Palmer (25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: Living in September 1961 in Hialeah, Florida with her husband.

Married: John A. Meyer in September 1911. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 17 September 1961 at the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meyer in Steeleville, Illinois.

Children: At least one daughter, Ruth Meyer.

Little was learned of the John A. Meyer family except the information from the Sparta News-Plaindealer. Mr. Meyer's brother and wife and W. R. Meyer were active in the Methodist Church and club activities of the Steeleville area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer probably moved to Florida after their child or children were raised for Ruth worked in Saint Louis, Missouri.

In September 1961 the John Meyer's returned to Steeleville to visit and while there were honored on their golden wedding anniversary.

The Sparta News-Plaindealer, under the Steeleville notes carried the following articles. They have been condensed here.

"Sunday evening was a gala affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meyer when Mr. and Mrs. John A. Meyer of Hialeah, Florida, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. There were 125 guests. Among the guests were Mrs. Bernice Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lehr of Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Woodward and family of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schnwerk of Evansville and Chris Palmer of Hialeah, Florida."

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Another from the same paper under the date line of 14 September 1961:

"Miss Ruth Meyer of Saint Louis, is spending a few days at the home of her uncle Wm. R. Meyer. She will be joined in a few days by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Meyer and Uncle Chris Palmer of Hialeah, Florida. On the 17 September, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meyer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of W. R. Meyer with an open house."

Children of Ethel (Palmer)⁸¹ and John A. Palmer.

265ⁱ Ruth Meyer (81, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: Living in September 1961 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Unmarried: September 1961.

It was not known if there were other children born to Ethel (Palmer) and John A. Meyer.

Children of Mariar Emma Howie²⁵ and Charles Palmer, Continued.

82ⁱⁱ Dollie Palmer (25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: 1961 in Percy, Illinois.

Married: ARCH Winning.

Children: (3) Might be Virginia June; Ina; Robert "Bob" Winning.

The above names may not be in order according to their ages.

Several letters to Mrs. Dollie (Palmer) Winning were unanswered but the following articles taken from the Sparta News-Plaindealer will give some idea of the interests and work of this family.

Sparta News-Plaindealer, Percy notes, October 1958 -- "Dolly Winning attended the Past Matrons Club of Steeleville Chapter #738, Order of the Eastern Star." Dollie Winning was also active in the group in 1962 and had served as the Club's president at one time.

Sparta News-Plaindealer, Percy notes from 1958-1961, showed that Dollie was an active member of the Wesley Methodist Church in Percy. She was a member of the Women's Society and had served as its president. She was also active in the Sunday School of that church. In 1960 Dollie was a member of the Women's Society, Christian Service group and was Spiritual Life Secretary in 1960. Sparta News-Plaindealer, Percy notes for 2 October 1958 carried the following information.

"Mrs. Dollie Winning received a phone call Monday afternoon from her nephew in Lincoln, Nebraska, informing her of the death of his father, Grover Palmer of Lincoln. He was found dead at his home."

Another item:

"Mr. and Mrs. Glen Deppe and Mrs. Winning and Iva left early Tuesday a.m. for Lincoln, Nebraska to attend a funeral on Wednesday."

Nothing was learned of Mr. Winning, either his first name, parents, dates of birth, marriage or if he died early.

Children of Dollie (Palmer)⁸² and 4204 Winning.

266ⁱ Virginia June ? Winning (82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: Living with her husband and children in 1963 at Percy, Illinois.

Married: Glenn Deppe Sr. before 1954.

Children: Glenn Dale "Butch"; and Scott Deppe.

It was not certain if Mrs. Deppe's name was Virginia June but in October 1961 the Sparta News-Plaindealer listed Mrs. Glenn of Percy as one of the possible election judges to attend a school for judges. On 19 October 1961 another article listed the judges chosen. Mrs. Virginia June Deppe of Percy was listed. She was the only Deppe on the list. From that list, it was assumed that her name must have been Virginia June. However a question mark was placed beside it to indicate there was no definite proof of its accuracy.

Mrs. Glenn Deppe was an active member of the Wesley Methodist Church of Percy. In November 1961 she purchased the property formerly owned by Gladys (Bayer) Wydeck in Percy. They moved into the place in December 1961. Mrs. Larry (Blanche) Deppe returned from Indiana in December 1961 and moved in to the property recently vacated by her son Glenn Deppe and family.

Glenn Deppe was the son of Blanche (Bayer or Boyer) and Larry Deppe of Percy. He was a brother of Dale Deppe also of Percy.

Mr. Glenn Deppe was an active member of the Wesley Methodist Church of Percy and frequently conducted the Sunday services for the church in the absence of the minister. His parents had also been active in the same church.

Larry Deppe, father of Glenn and Dale, was born 1902 in Willisville, Illinois and died September 1960. He married Blanche Bayer in 1920. Mr. Deppe owned and operated the Deppe Grocery in Percy for 23 years before his death.

His obituary appeared in the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 8 September 1960. It follows.

"Larry Deppe, Percy businessman dies."

"Larry Deppe, owner of Deppe's grocery in Percy for 23 years, died suddenly of a coronary occlusion on Thursday of last week at St. Clements Hospital in Red Bud.

"He was born at Willisville in 1902, and in 1920 was married to the former Blanche Bayer, who survives.

"Mr. Deppe is survived by two sons, Glenn and Dale, both of Percy, and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church in Percy.

"Friends called at the Walker Funeral Home in Percy until noon Sunday. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Wesley Methodist Church, with Rev. Charles Leming and Rev. Gleason Agon officiating,

"Burial was in the IOOF cemetery in Percy".

The card of thanks appeared in the 15 September 1960 copy of the Sparta News-Plaindealer as follows:

"We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends, relatives, and neighbors for their kindness and help after the sudden death of our dear husband and father, Larry Deppe. We especially wish to thank those who extended their sympathy in our breavement. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

- - -"Mrs. Blanche Deppe, Glenn and Dale."

The same month the Deppe I.G.A. store in Percy was sold to Lorenz Ruebke.

Children of Virginia June ? Winning²⁶⁶ and Glenn Deppe.

482ⁱ Glenn Dale "Butch" Deppe. (266, 82, 25, 6, 1).

Born: About 1944, as he graduated from high school in 1962.

Living: Glenn Jr. was living in January 1963 with his parents in Percy although he spent the school year at College.

Married: Unmarried in December 1962.

Glenn Deppe Jr. attended grade school near Percy and in 1962 was a senior in the Trico High School. He was a member of the basketball team of that school and played in the state tournament in March 1962. His height of six feet, two inches was to his advantage. He was chosen the friendliest person in his class.

At the December 1961 crowning of the Queen at the Trico High School, Phyllis Roseme was maid of honor. Glenn Deppe was her escort. Glenn was a member of the schools' paper staff as an ad man.

In addition to his school activities, Glenn Deppe or "Butch", as he was sometimes called, was active in the Methodist Church and especially the church's youth group. In July 1962, he was among the young people who attended the Youth Institute held at Camp Beulah at Eldorado.

In the fall of 1962, Glenn Dale Deppe enrolled in McKendress College at Lebanon, Illinois. It was a Methodist school and one to which other relatives had gone.

Children of Virginia June ? (Winning)²⁶⁶ and Glenn Deppe Sr., Cont.

483ⁱⁱ Scott Deppe. (266, 82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: Living with his parents in Percy, Illinois in January 1963.

Nothing was learned of Scott Deppe except that he was living with his parents in Percy and had attended grade school there.

Children of Dollie (Palmer)⁸² and Arch Winning, Continued.

267ⁱⁱ Ina Winning (82, 25, 6, 1)

Born: October _____

Living: 1961 in Percy, Illinois with her mother.

Married: Unamrried in May 1961.

Children: None

It was possible that Ina was the youngest of the three children of Dollie (Palmer) and Arch Winning. She was still at home in March 1963.

She was active in the Wesley Methodist Church and a member of the J O Y Sunday School class of that church. A Sparta News-Plaindealer note under the Percy items told of the Class having a Mother-Daughter banquet in May 1961. Among those attending were listed: "Miss Ina Winning, Mrs. Dollie Winning, Mrs. Clemens Meyerhoff, Mrs. O. O. Patton" etc.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge #55 of Percy in 1961. Sparta News-Plaindealer, 26 October 1961 - "The Percy Rebekah Lodge #55 met in regular session last Tuesday. Among those whose birthday was honored was Ina Winning."

In August 1962 Miss Ina and Shirley Hadley visited the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle, Washington.

268ⁱⁱⁱ Robert "Bob" Winning (82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: 1962 in Madison Heights, Michigan.

Married: _____ (a daughter of Mrs. Nettie Hein).

Children: (3) Joyce; Linda; and Bryan Winning.

Again the writers of this history had to rely on the Sparta paper for some information of the family of Robert "Bob" Winning.

Sparta News-Plaindealer, 25 June 1959:

"Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winning and Joyce, Linda and Bryan of Madison Heights, Michigan arrived here Friday to visit his mother, Mrs. Dollie Winning and his sisters, Ina and Mrs. Glenn Deppe and family and with Mrs. Bob Winning's mother Mrs. Nettie Hein."

Again in July 1961 the family visited both mothers -- Mrs. Dollie Winning and Mrs. Nettie Hein.

In 1958 Mrs. Dollie Winning and Ina visited Bob and his family in Michigan.

Children of Robert²⁶⁸ and _____ (_____) Winning.

484ⁱ Joyce Winning (268, 82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: With her parents in Madison Heights, Michigan in 1962.

Married:

Children:

485ⁱⁱ Linda Winning (268, 82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: With her parents in Madison Heights, Michigan, in 1962.

Married:

Children:

486ⁱⁱⁱ Bryan Winning (268, 82, 25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: With his parents in Madison Heights, Michigan in 1962.

Married:

Children:

Children of Mariar Emma (Howie)²⁵ and Charles Palmer, continued.

83ⁱⁱⁱ Christopher "Chris" Palmer (25, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: Living in September 1961 in Hialeah, Florida.

Married:

Children:

The only information so far obtained about Christopher Palmer was that he lived in Hialeah, Florida in 1961. He returned to Steeleville to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of his sister Ethel and her husband. He also visited in Sparta.

84^{iv} Chalres A. Palmer (25, 6, 1)

Born: In Illinois

Died: Died after 1915.

Married: Bernice Ella Carter⁴⁴ on 3 June 1913 by the Rev. C. L. Peterson. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Ella Benson Carter⁹ in Marissa, Illinois.

Children: (1) Dorothy Pearl Palmer.

Charles A. Palmer and his wife and baby spent a year in Denver, Colorado, presumably for his health. They returned to Illinois in 1915 and he died soon afterwards.

The record of Charles' wife, Bernice Ella Carter⁴⁴ and his children and grandchildren was discussed under the material on Bernice Ella Carter⁴⁴ (9, 2, 1). It will not be repeated here.

Children of Mariar Emma (Howie)²⁵ and Charles Palmer, Continued.

85^v Grover Palmer (25, 6, 1).

Born:

Died: Died the last of September 1958 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Burial was in Lincoln. Mr. Palmer was found dead in his home. Cause of death was not given.

Married:

Children: At least one son was born to the Palmers.

The last of September 1958 Grover Palmer's sister Dollie Winning and her daughters were notified of his death by his son who lived in Lincoln. Mrs. Winning, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Deppe and Miss Ina Winning left Percy the last Tuesday of September for Lincoln to attend the funeral.

Children of _____ and Grover Palmer⁸⁵.

269 A son Palmer (85, 25, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: In Lincoln, Nebraska in 1958.

Children of Mariar Emma (Howie)²⁵ and Charles Palmer, Continued.

86^{vi} _____ A daughter Palmer (25, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children of a daughter (Palmer)⁸⁶ and _____.

Children: It was reported that this couple had one daughter. Her name was not known.

Children of a daughter (Palmer)⁸⁶ and _____.

270ⁱ A daughter (86, 25, 6, 1).

Children of Mariar Emma (Howie)²⁵ and Charles Palmer, Continued

87^{vii} Betty Palmer (25, 6, 1).

Nothing was learned of this daughter.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

26^{vi} Markus Lewis Howie (6, 1).

Born: 2 February 1868 near Steeleville, Illinois, in Randolph County.

Died: 3 February 1948 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Minnie Waters.

Children: Eleven children were born to this couple but the order of birth or part of the names were not known. The ones known were Glen; Callie; and Frank W. Howie.

Children of Minnie (Waters) and Markus Lewis Howie²⁶.

88ⁱ _____ Howie (26, 6, 1).

89ⁱⁱ _____ Howie (26, 6, 1).

90ⁱⁱⁱ A son Howie (26, 6, 1).

91^{iv} Callie Howie (26, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in 1962 with his wife and children in Evansville, Illinois.

Married:

Children: At least three. Darrell A; Sharon; and Carol Howie.

Nothing was learned of this Mr. Howie except that he was married, had children and lived in Evansville, Illinois.

Children of _____ and Callie Howie⁹¹.

271ⁱ Darrell A. Howie (91, 26, 6, 1).

Born: About 1943.

Living: April 1962 and was serving in the United States Army.

Married: Unmarried April 1962.

The Sparta News-Plaindealer for 26 April 1962 stated that Pvt. Darrell A. Howie of Fort Leonard Wood spent the previous weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Callie Howie of Evansville, Illinois.

272ⁱⁱ Sharon Howie (91, 26, 6, 1).

Born: About 1944.

Living: Living in 1962 with her parents in Evansville. She graduated from high school in 1962 and attended business school.

Children of _____ and Callie Howie⁹¹, continued.

273ⁱⁱⁱ Carol Howie (91, 26, 6, 1).

Born: About November 1945.

Living: Living with her parents at Evansville, Illinois in 1962.

Carol Howie celebrated her 16th birthday on 17 November 1961 with a party at the American Legion Hall in Evansville. Her sister Sharon was one of the many guests. Her mother Mrs. Callie Howie served refreshments.

Children of Minnie (Waters) and Markus Lewis Howie²⁶, Continued.

92^v (Son) Howie (26, 6, 1).

Living: In october 1960.

93^{vi} (Son) Howie (26, 6, 1).

Living: Living in October 1960.

94^{vii} _____ Howie (26, 6, 1).

95^{viii} (Daughter) Howie (26, 6, 1).

Living: Living in October 1960.

96^{ix} Glen Howie (26, 6, 1)

Living: Living in October 1960

97^x _____ Howie (26, 6, 1)

98^{xi} Frank W. Howie (26, 6, 1).

Born: About 1904 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 7 October 1960 at his home in Gentry, Benton County, Arkansas of a heart attack. Burial was in Oklahoma.

Married: Vesta Mann.

Children: (1) A son.

Frank Howie was born in Sparta and married there. He and his family lived for a time at 3300 South Knox, in Denver, Colorado. Later they moved to Gentry, Arkansas where Mr. Howie died.

The following article appeared in the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 27 October 1960.

"Frank W. Howie, 56, a native of Sparta, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Gentry, Arkansas on October the 7th. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howie, was born in Sparta and for many years lived in the area.

"His survivors include his wife, the former Miss Vesta Mann, a son, two sisters and four brothers among whom is Callie Howie of Evansville.

"Funeral services were held in the Church of Christ in Gentry, with internment at Kansas, Delaware County, Oklahoma."

Children of Vesta (Mann) and Frank W. Howie⁹⁸.

274 Son Howie (98, 26, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in October 1960.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson) and James Howie, Continued.

27^{vii} John Elijah Howie (6, 1).

Born: 28 October 1869 near Steeleville, Illinois.

Died: 9 September 1872, age three years, at home near Steeleville.
Burial was in the Benson Cemetery on the Rice Benson Farm near Steeleville, Illinois.

28^{viii} Rachel Florence Howie (6, 1).

Born: 16 February 1871 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 10 January 1901 near Percy, Illinois.

Married: Rueben Snodgrass.

Children: (4) There were four children but the name of only one, Pearl, was known. The order of birth of the children was not known.

Again little was learned of Rachel Florence Howie or Rueben Snodgrass although it was believed that he may have been a son of one Rueben Snodgrass who lived in Randolph County in 1850.

Children of Rachel Florence (Howie)²⁸ and Rueben Snodgrass.

99ⁱ _____ Snodgrass (28, 6, 1).

100ⁱⁱ _____ Snodgrass (28, 6, 1).

Children of Rachel Florence (Howie)²⁸ and Rueben Snodgrass, Cont.

101ⁱⁱⁱ _____ Snodgrass (28, 6, 1).

102^{iv} Pearl Snodgrass (28, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living on a rural route, Coulterville, Illinois, in August 1962.

Married: Roy Schott

Children: One Daughter. (Name not given).

The Roy Schotts seemed to be active in church and community activities. Mrs. Schott was a member of the Lend-A-Hand group in Coulterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schott of Coulterville and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jacoby of Cutler and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cunningham visited one evening in July 1961 with Mrs. Emmerson Shaw in Swanwick.

Mrs. Roy Schott had the misfortune to break her ankle the middle of August 1962 and was in the Sparta Community Hospital for sometime.

In July 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schott took care of their two year grandson, Jeffery Laumbattus, while his parents and sisters attended the World Fair in Seattle, Washington.

Children of Pearl (Snodgrass) and Roy Schott

291 Daughter Schott. (102, 28, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in Marissa, Illinois in August 1962.

Married: Emmett Lambattus.

Children: (3) Linda; Kimberly; and Jeffery Lambattus.

Emmett Laumbattus was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Laumbattus of Marissa, Illinois.

Children of _____ (Schott)²⁹¹ and Emmett Laumbattus.

555ⁱ Linda Laumbattus (291, 102, 28, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living with her parents in Marissa, Illinois in August 1962.

Linda Laumbattus was a member of Girl Scout Troop number 1. As a part of the Troop's Mother's outing, the girls took their mothers or a relative by bus to Saint Louis, Missouri in March 1961. Linda took her grandmother, Mrs. Roy Schott.

Linda accompanied her sister and parents to the Fair in Seattle, Washington in August 1962.

556ⁱⁱ Kimberly Laumbattus (291, 102, 28, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living with her parents in Marissa, Illinois in 1962.

Kimberly attended the Fair in Seattle with her sister and parents in August 1962.

Children of _____ Schott)²⁹¹ and Emmett Laumbattus, continued.

557ⁱⁱⁱ Jeffery Laumbattus (291, 102, 28, 6, 1).

Born: 16 November 1960 at the Saint Clements Hospital in Red Bud, Illinois.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie.

29^{ix} Samuel Howie (6, 1)

Born: 13 July 1872 near Steeleville, Illinois.

Died: 10 September 1950 in Arizona. Death was due to heart trouble.

Married: Amanda Burlison.

Children: At least one daughter was born to Amanda and Samuel Howie; her name is Inez Howie.

103ⁱ Inez Howie (29, 6, 1)

Born:

Living: In 1960, at 1501 W. Tufts Ave., Littleton, Colorado.

Married: J. Ray Tower.

The writers were unable to contact either Mr. or Mrs. Tower at their Littleton, Colorado address, either by phone or letter.

According to the Sparta News Plain-Dealer of 27 October 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tower of Littleton, Colorado and his brother George Tower of New Mexico visited her aunt Mrs. Frank Bumann³⁵ the week before that date.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie.

30^x Alfred "Fred" Rice Howie (6, 1).

Born: 21 March 1873 or 74 near Steeleville, Illinois.

Died: 9 November 1947 at Sparta, Illinois, following a stroke.

Married: Mabel Bergfeld on 8 January 1900 at Percy, Randolph County, Illinois.

Children: (2) Harold; and Walter Rowland Howie.

Alfred or Fred Rice Howie was raised in Randolph County and attended school there. He farmed in the area.

The Sparta newspaper listed Fred Howie as having shot an eagle with a six foot wing spread in October 1939.

Mabel Bergfeld was the daughter of Ann (Lickiss) and S. Fuller Bergfeld. Ann Lickiss was born in England and S. Fuller Bergfeld was born in Pennsylvania. Both had moved to Randolph County before their marriage. Mabel was a sister of Raleigh Bergfeld who married Mary Grace McIntyre. Other brothers and sisters included John, William, Elizabeth, Alice, Minnie, and Mary Bergfeld.

Sometime after the death of Alfred Howie, Mabel (Bergfeld) Howie married Ervin Strong, and they lived in Eden, Illinois. In July 1960 one of Mabel's grandsons, Bob Howie³⁰¹, took her to Louisiana to visit a granddaughter, June (Howie) Vanover²⁹⁶.

Children of Mabel (Bergfeld) and Alfred "Fred" Rice Howie³⁰.

104¹ Harold Howie (30, 6, 1).

Born: About 1901 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963 with his wife in Eden, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Martha Ross Wisely on 8 June 1921 at the parsonage of the United Presbyterian minister in Tilden.

Children: (4) Wanda June; Marvin Ardell; Verla Faye; and Barbara Diane Howie.

Harold Howie received his education in the schools of Randolph County, Illinois. For a number of years he was in charge of the Behnker Coal Company.

Martha Ross Wisely was born in Randolph County, Illinois. She was a descendant of the Ross line of which Robert Ross of County Antrim, Northern Ireland was a progenator. The name "Ross" was given her in respect for the Ross lineage. She is one of some four or five Randolph County women who had been given the first two names of "Martha Ross". Some were related but some

as in the case of Martha Ross Hughes, the relationship had not been determined. Martha Ross Wisely was a sister of Mrs. Vera Wisely Rheinecker of Chatterworth, California. She was also a cousin of Willis Coulter of Coulterville, Illinois whose wife Frances (Edmiston) Coulter, gave the writer much helpful information.

Mrs. Harold Howie was a member of the Sparta Day Home Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howie were honored at a surprise reception on Sunday, June 4, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

The reception table was decorated with a bouquet of yellow daisies and white mums, and a large white and ruby red heart-shaped cake, which was decorated by Mrs. Louis Uchtmann.

Punch and cup cakes were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paul of Tilden; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisely and Paul, Susan and Jimmy Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Orsen Fuqua and Archie, Judy and Effie Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patton and Connie, Richard and Pamela and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wisely of Oakdale; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Maxwell, Rollie Bergfeld and Will Bergfeld of Steeleville; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Stein and Mrs. Alice Berg of Pinckneyville; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cunningham of St. Genevieve, Mo; Mr. and Mrs. Duwayne Cunningham and Cheryl and Laura of St. Louis, Mo; Mr. and Mrs. James P. McClay and Paul of Fulton, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bub of Florrisant, Mo; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vanover and Steve, Mike, Gregory and Denny of Columbia, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Maxwell and Glenn, Randy and Angela, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bumann, Mrs. Mable Strong, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howie and Marvalee and Forrest of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Howie were married at the United Presbyterian parsonage at Tilden on June 8, 1921. They have four children and nine grandchildren, all of whom were present.

Children of Martha (Wisely) and Harold Howie¹⁰⁴.

296ⁱ Wanda June Howie (104, 30, 6, 1)

Born: 23 February 1925.

Living: Lived in Louisiana in 1960 but lived in Columbus, Ill. June 1961.

Married: Marcus "Mark" Hayden Vanover on 29 March 1944.

Children: (4) Stephen "Steve" Hayden; Michael "Mike" Eric; Gregory Allen; and Dennis "Denny" Roy Vanover.

Information sent by Mrs. Wanda June Vanover from Louisiana where they lived in 1960. In 1961 they lived in Columbus, Illinois. They attended the Harold Howie reunion with their 4 children.

Children of Wanda June (Howie)²⁹⁶ and Marcus Hayden Vanover.

503ⁱ Stephen "Steve" Hayden Vanover (296, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 21 September 1947.

Living: With parents June 1961.

504ⁱⁱ Michael "Mike" Eric Vanover (296, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 18 April 1949.

Living: With parents June 1961.

505ⁱⁱⁱ Gregory Allen Vanover (296, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 4 September 1952.

Living: With parents June 1961.

506^{iv} Dennis "Denny" Roy Vanover (296, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 24 November 1954.

Living: With parents June 1961.

Children of Martha Ross (Wisely) and Harold Howie¹⁰⁴, Continued.

297ⁱⁱ Marvin Ardell Howie (104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 9 February 1928.

Living: 1963 in Sparta, Illinois.

Married: Carolyn King on 17 December 1949.

Children: (2) Marvallee Howie and Forrest Edward Howie.

Mr. Marvin A. Howie was a Chevrolet salesman in Sparta in 1963.

Mrs. Carolyn (King) Howie was a sister of Wilford King, formerly of Sparta but of Sheridan, Wyoming in 1962 and of Mrs. Lyman Kraft. Mrs. Howie was a member of the Sparta Business and Professional Women's Club and the Sparta Community Consolidated School PTA. She was elected treasurer of that group in May 1962. She also took part in a fashion show held in Sparta in September 1962 as a model. Her daughter Marvalee was also a model in the same show.

Children (2) of Carolyn (King) and Marvin Howie¹⁹³.

508ⁱ Marvalee Howie (297, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 27 July 1952.

Living: With her parents 1962. On 9 June 1961 Marvallee Howie appeared in a piano recital with other students of Mrs. Henry Huss.

509ⁱⁱ Forrest Edward Howie (297, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 7 December 1956.

Living: With his parents 1962.

Children of Martha Ross Wisely and Harold Howie¹⁰⁴, Continued

298ⁱⁱⁱ Verla Faye Howie (104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 31 March 1934.

Living: Living June 1961 at Florrisant, Missouri.

Married: Robert Louis Bub on 11 June 1955.

Child of Verla Faye (Howie)²⁹⁸ and Robert Louis Bub.

511ⁱ Robert Ross Bub (298, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 5 September 1962.

Died: 18 May 1963 at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. Death was due to a throat infection. Funeral at St. John Episcopal Church in St. Louis. Burial at St. Marcus cemetery.

Robert Ross Bub was adopted by his parents in 1962. He was named "Ross" for his grandmother, Martha Ross "Wisley", Howie.

Children of Martha Ross (Wisely) and Harold Howie¹⁰⁴, Continued.

299^{iv} Barbara Diana Howie (104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 20 July 1936 near Sparta, Illinois.

Living: South of Sparta with her husband in 1963.

Married: James Glen Maxwell on 2 June 1955.

Children: (4) James Glen Jr.; Randall "Randy" Lee; Angela Diana; and Beth Lanett Maxwell.

Barbara Diane Howie was a member of the Sparta Township High School Class of 1954.

James Maxwell was a young farmer in the Blair area south of Sparta. In September 1962 he won a trip to Chicago by placing first in a discussion contest.

James Glenn Maxwell Sr. was the son of the Rupert Maxwells and was sister of Mrs. James A. Batson. His uncle was Dr. Earl Maxwell of Fort Worth, Texas. He had served in World War II in the Pacific area with the Air Force and was engaged in research work at the Alcon Laboratory at Fort Worth on a drug to combat glaucoma in 1962. Both Earl and Rupert Maxwell were sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Maxwell of near Blair, Illinois. Mrs. Rupert Maxwell was a member of the DAR chapter in Sparta, Illinois.

Children of Barbara Diana Howie²⁹⁹ and James Glen Maxwell.

512ⁱ James Glen Maxwell Jr. (299, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 13 April 1958.

Living: With parents June 1962.

513ⁱⁱ Randal "Randy" Lee Maxwell (299, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 13 March 1959.

Living: With parents June 1962.

514ⁱⁱⁱ Angela Diana Maxwell (299, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 4 June 1960 (Saturday) at St. Clement's Hospital in Red Bud, Illinois.

515^{iv} Beth Lanett Maxwell (299, 104, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 18 December 1961 at Saint Clements Hospital in Red Bud, Illinois weighted 7 lbs., 15, oz.

Living: 1962.

Children of Mabel (Bergfeld) and Alfred Howie³⁰, Continued.

105ⁱⁱ Walter Rowland Howie (30, 6, 1).

Born: About 1903 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1962 in Eden, Illinois, mailing address was Route 2, Coulterville.

Married: Luella C. Fullerton on 25 November 1928.

Children: (4) James Dale; Walter Robert; William Joe; and Marjorie Juanita Howie.

Walter Howie's middle name was given as Raleigh in the Fullerton Family History and as Roland by McIntyre relatives. Both agreed that the name was given in honor of a brother Raleigh, of Mabel Bergfeld Howie. He attended Randolph County Schools, graduating from high school.

Luella C. Fullerton was born 4 December 1906, Randolph County, Illinois and graduated from the Sparta Township High School in the class of 1927. According to the Sparta News Plaindealer she attended the 30th reunion of the class in 1957. She was the daughter of John Cooper and Nancy (Smith) Fullerton, and the granddaughter of Jane (Ross) and Wilson Fullerton. Luella Fullerton was also the great granddaughter of Rose Ann (Cooper) and Daniel Fullerton who immigrated to America and settled in Randolph County, Illinois in 1844. (See Fullerton Family)

Children of Luella (Fullerton) and Walter Rowland Howie¹⁰⁵.

300ⁱ James "Jim" Dale Howie (105, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 20 December 1934 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1963 in Donnelson, Illinois.

Married: Unmarried in May 1963.

Children: None May 1963.

James Howie graduated from the Sparta Township High School then attended Blackburn College. He later attended the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from there in 1959.

As a child, James had polio and at one time the Doctor despaired of his life. The boy's mother insisted that the child not be removed from the iron lung until all hope was gone. Her faith was rewarded and her son lived to finish college and to become "a capable and well liked minister". A one time he held five congregations at one time. In 1960 he had three at one time.

Rev. James D. Howie lived at Donnelson, Illinois in 1960. He drove 85 miles each way to conduct a morning service for the Reform Presbyterian church. At 2:30, he held the service for the Covenanter Congregation in Sparta. He then returned to Donnelson and conducted the evening service there. This required much driving and a car in good repair. This last job was cared for by his father and brother.

As a bachelor in 1960, James cared for his own home in Donnelson. He did his own cooking and even kept a few chickens for the fresh eggs. In the 5 December 1957 edition of the Sparta News-Plaindealer, the following article appeared. It and other articles gave a fine description of the kind of boy and man James Howie became.

"SPARTA MINISTERIAL STUDENT SPEAKS AT UNION SERVICE HERE"

"James Howie, a Sparta boy, now attending the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service at the First Methodist Church in Sparta last Thursday morning. Five local congregations cooperated and a large crowd attended.

"Rev. Howie took as his text the 8th verse of the 107th Psalm, 'Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men'. He declared that Thanksgiving is the most spiritual of all seasons since Christmas and other religious holidays have been so commercialized that we do not observe them as we should. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to thank God without distracting influences."

Another article in June of 1959 appeared in the same paper at the time of James Howie's graduation from Seminary. It is as follows:

WHIPS HANDICAPS TO GET DIVINITY DEGREE Sparta News-Plaindealer, June 4, 1959

CHAMPION COMMUTER - James D. Howie of Sparta, received his doctor of divinity degree at Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., on May 24th. During his three years there, he commuted 560 miles each week-end to fill his pulpits at small churches in the Hillsboro area. (With photo)

SPARTAN DROVE 560 MILES TO FILL PULPIT WEEKLY

The Midwest's champion commuter - a Sparta boy - got his ~~doctor~~ of divinity degree from Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Sunday evening, May 24.

When James Dale Howie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howie of Eden, marched forward to get his diploma, he had reached a goal set for himself while he was a student at the Sparta Township High School. Handicaps which would have stopped many others only spurred him forward.

The past three years, while in the seminary at Louisville, he commuted each week end from Louisville to the Hillsboro (Ill.) area, where he served as supply pastor for five small Presbyterian congregations.

The distance he drove from Louisville to fill his pulpits was about 280 miles and it was just as far back to his studies over hilly, winding Indiana roads. At time it was necessary to make a special trip during the week to preach the funeral of one of his parishioners.

Had a Busy Schedule

One Sunday he would preach at three of his churches, morning, afternoon and evening. The next Sunday he had only two pulpits to fill. After each evening service he headed back to his studies. When he graduated, he was president of his class and had the highest grade average in the class of 45 members.

On Sunday, June 28, Jim will be ordained to the ministry in a little church at Donnellson, a hamlet 10 miles north of Greenville. Immediately thereafter he will be officially installed as pastor of the five congregations known as "The Parish of the Open Door".

Each of the past three summer he had spent all his time serving those churches. He has had an assistant, who alternated with him in filling the pulpits.

Jim would like to have his Sparta friends attend the ordination services at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 28. During his earlier collegiate days at Blackburn College at Carlinville and at Millikin University at Decatur he had financial help from the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Sparta, of which he is a member.

His parents and brother, Bobby, and sister, Margie, attended the graduation ceremonies at Louisville. (His grandmother, Mrs. Ervin Strong and her husband also attended)

Recovered From Polio

Back in 1949, when Jim was only 14 years of age, he was stricken with polio and for a time little hope was held for his recovery. While confined to his home he kept up his high school studies and graduated from the STHS. During much of his college career he was required to use crutches but today he gets around with the aid of only a cane.

In spite of all his handicaps, he never missed one week end of making the 560 mile round trip from Louisville to Donnellson, where he made his headquarters. Ice, snow nor sleet - not even polio - kept him from serving his five small congregations, members of which would fight a war to keep him on the job.

Children of Luella (Fullerton) and Walter Raleigh Howie¹⁰⁵, Cont.

301ⁱⁱ Walter Robert "Bob" Howie (105, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 12 April 1937 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Robert Howie and his wife and son were living in Lockport, Illinois in 1963.

Married: Cynthia Lee Chism on 16 April 1960 at the Baptist Church in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. It was a double wedding.

Children: (1) One son, Robert Lee Howie.

Walter Robert Howie attended schools in the Sparta Area. In April 1960 he was married to Cynthia Lee Chism, daughter of James Chism and Mrs. Henry Reese. The following was the account of the wedding taken from the Sparta News-Plaindealer.

TWO COUPLES MARRIED IN DOUBLE CEREMONY AT BAPTIST CHURCH
Sparta News-Plaindealer, Thurs. April 21, 1960

The candlelighted altar of the First Baptist Church was the scene Saturday evening, April 16, of the double wedding of Misses Sherry Chism and Cynthia Chism, daughters of James Chism and Mrs. Henry Reese, who became the brides of Jerry Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ava Wagner, and Walter Howie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Howie, respectively.

The double-ring ceremonies, performed by Rev. Eugene Sanders took place at seven o'clock in the presence of 320 guests.

Keith Runge, cousin of Jerry Wagner, was soloist and sang "I Love You Truly" and "The Lord's Prayer." He was accompanied by Miss Linda Priestley, organist.

The brides, given in marriage by their uncles, Raymond McIntyre and Robert Chism, were attired in ballerina-length gowns of white nylon lace over net and taffeta, with wide taffeta sashes and large bows. Their elbow-length veils of French illusion fell from lace crowns of seed pearls. Each bride wore a single strand of pearls and carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Misses Carolyn McDill and Linda Slaven were maids of honor. They wore strapless ballerina-length gowns of yellow and orchid, with shoulder veils attached to white flower crowns. They carried yellow and orchid daisies, and wore necklaces of a single seed pearl, gifts from the brides.

The flower girls, Linda and Janice Putman, cousins of the brides, wore ballerina-length dresses of pale yellow and carried yellow and orchid daisies. Their gifts were single strands of pearls.

Serving as best men were the father and step-father of the brides, James Chism and Henry Reese. The ring bearers were Mickey Reese and Kenneth Wagner. The ushers and candlelighters were Lonnie Eggemeyer and Joe Howie, cousin and brother of the grooms.

A reception was given in the church basement for 250 guests. Ham and chicken salad sandwiches, cake, coffee and punch were served. Mrs. Frankie Hawley was in charge with Miss Betty Copeland, Jane Fullerton, Donna Ethertin and Bertha Appel, assisting. Miss Donna Hawley was in charge of the guest book. The beautiful three-foot wedding cake was made by Mrs. Ava Wagner, mother of Jerry Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are at home at 503 North Miller Street and Mr. and Mrs. Howie are at home in their apartment on McClurken St. in Sparta.

Robert Howie entered the Air Force in early 1960 and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. After a month or two of training he was given a medical discharge. That same spring he took his grandmother Mrs. Mabel (Bergfeld) Howie Strong to Louisiana to visit her granddaughter, June Howie Vanover. (p).

The Sparta News-Plaindealer for 2 February 1961 carried an article of Robert's accident. He had bent over to adjust a coal heater in his home on Maple Street about 11 o'clock on Friday night preceeding the second of February when the stove exploded. He suffered 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns on his hands, face and neck. His clothing also caught fire. Bob was taken to the Sparta Community Hospital where he was treated and released to his home on Sunday following. Mrs. Howie and small son were in a bedroom and were uninjured by the blast.

Mrs. Walter Howie, mother of Bob, described the explosion as, "a freak accident". She said her son suffered very painful burns.

Bob Howie was working as a guard at Statesville, Illinois Pen in 1963.

Child of Cynthia Lee (Chism) and Walter Robert "Bob" Howie³⁰¹
 558ⁱ Robert Lee Howie (301, 105, 30, 6, 1).

Born: February 1961

Living: With parents in 1963 in Lockport, Illinois.

Sparta News-Plaindealer for 30 May 1963 carried the following:

"Mrs. James Chism and Mrs. Henry Reese and sons have returned from Lockport where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howie. Robert Lee Howie was admitted into Research Hospital, Chicago where he is taking tests before possible surgery.

"Robert Lee is the 2½ year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howie, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Chism, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Howie of Sparta."

"If he has surgery he will require blood transfusions," the paper said.

Children of Luella (Fullerton) and Walter Rowland Howie¹⁰⁵, Cont.
 302ⁱⁱⁱ William Joe Howie (105, 30, 6, 1)

Born: 14 January 1942 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In January 1963 and serving in the Coast Guard.

Married: Unmarried in 1963.

Children: No children in 1963.

William Joe Howie attended schools in the Sparta area. After school he worked for the National Foods and Freezer Company. On 31 July 1962 he was flown to Alameda, California where he joined the Coast Guard.

The 10 January 1963 issue of the Sparta News-Plaindealer carried the following item:

"Joe Howie, seaman apprentice, who is attending Electronics Technical School in Gorton, Conn., left New Year's Day after spending two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howie."

Children of Luella (Fullerton) and Walter Rowland Howie¹⁰⁵, Cont.

303^{iv} Marjorie Juanita Howie (105, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 30 December 1943 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963.

Married: Fred Mines of 26 March 1960 in a home wedding. Divorced Dec., 1961.
(2) Married Donald Essex 24 January 1962.

Children: None by first husband. Donna Marie by Fred Essex

Marjorie attended school in the Sparta area. She was a Freshman at the Sparta Township High School in March 1960. Her engagement was announced by her parents in March 1960.

Sparta News-Plaindealer - March 24, 1960

"BETROTHED - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howie of Rt. 2, Coulterville, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie J., to Fred L. Mines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mines of Sparta. Miss Howie is a freshman at the Sparta Township High School. Mr. Mines is employed at the Lowenbaum Manufacturing Company in Sparta.

The couple was married at a lovely home wedding on 26 March 1960. Rev. James Dale Howie, brother of the bride preformed the ceremony.

Donald Essex was a Tech. Sergeant in the Air Force and expected to make that his career.

Child of Marjorie J. Howie³⁰³ and Donald Essex.

542ⁱ Donna Marie Essex (303, 105, 30, 6, 1).

Born: 25 October 1962.

Children of Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

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Ada Ellen Howie (6, 1).

Born: 26 August 1876 at Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 13 August 1949 at her home near Percy, Randolph County, Illinois
She would have been 73 years old had she lived 13 days longer.
Death followed a heart attack and stroke.

Married: William Henry Meyerhoff on 28 March 1892 at Mount Vernon,
Jefferson County, Illinois.

Children: (4) John Edison; Everette Raymond; Amanda Marie; and Agnes Leola
Meyerhoff.

Ada Ellen Howie attended rural elementary school in Randolph County,
Illinois.

William Henry Meyerhoff was born 11 December 1873 at Steeleville,
Randolph County, Illinois. He was the son of Maria (Walters) and John H.
Meyerhoff, both of whom were born in Frankfurt, Germany. They immigrated
to America prior to 1873.

Children of Ada Ellen (Howie)³¹ and William Henry Meyerhoff.

106ⁱ John Edison Meyerhoff (31, 6, 1).

Born: 25 November 1896.

Living: In 1963 at Percy, Illinois. *Died 24 December 1963 at his home in Percy of heart attack. Buried Locust Cemetery in Percy.*

Married: Iva Mae Killgrove on 3 June 1916 at Carbondale, Jackson County,
Illinois.

Children: (4) Gem Edison; Ada Mae; Eunice Adair; and Juanita Gale Meyerhoff.

John Edison Meyerhoff attended the Flack rural school district #13
and later graduated from the Steeleville High School. He attended both
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois and Chillicothe Business
College at Chillicothe, Missouri.

He taught in the elementary school system for four years - 1914,
1916, 1917 and 1920. He also worked as a Railway Mail Clerk on the Illinois
Central Railroad on the run from Centralia, Illinois to Memphis, Tennessee.
Mr. Meyerhoff had also worked in a grocery store and meat market, in a coal
mine, as a prison guard, a village police, a deputy sheriff, and for the
Illinois State Police. In 1958 he was a Prison Guard at the Illinois State
Prison at Menard, Illinois. He was a police magistrate of Percy in 1962.

During World War I, John Meyerhoff volunteered for service at Murphysboro, county seat of Jackson County. He was returned home because of the dependency of his wife and small son. Mr. Meyerhoff was a member of the Free Baptist Church; the Woodman of the World, serving that organization as Clerk; the Moose; and the IOOF Lodge. He served on the Board of Education for eleven years and was clerk-secretary several years.

Iva Mae Killgrove, wife of John Meyerhoff, was born 20 June 1896. She was the daughter of Minty (Wise) and J. Henry Killgrove.

The above information was sent by John E. Meyerhoff.

Children (4) of Iva Mae (Killgrove) and John Edison Meyerhoff¹⁰⁶.

305ⁱ Gem Edison Meyerhoff (106, 31, 6, 1).

Born: 25 March 1917 at Percy, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Anchorage, Alaska in 1958.

Married: On 25 April 1954.

Children:

306ⁱⁱ Ada Mae Meyerhoff (106, 31, 6, 1).

Born: 16 October 1918 at Percy, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: At Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1958.

Married: On 6 September 1936 ✓ Virgil Jeremiah.
Children: One daughter in 1943.

307ⁱⁱⁱ Eunice Adair Meyerhoff (106, 31, 6, 1).

Born: 6 April 1920 at Percy, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In St. Louis, Missouri in 1958.

Married: Wally Fey on 23 December 1943.

Children: None given.

308^{iv} Juanita Gale Meyerhoff (106, 31, 6, 1).

Born: 16 October 1922 at Percy, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In Berkley, Missouri in 1961 but lived in Saint Louis in April 1962.

Married: Rayburn Quillman 3 July 1941.

Children: (1) John "Johnny" Ray Quillman.

Child of Juanita Gale (Meyerhoff)³⁰⁸ and Rayburn Quillman.

469ⁱ John Ray Quillman (308, 106, 31, 6, 1).
Born: Before October 1960.

Children of Ada Ellen (Howie)³¹ and Wm. Henry Meyerhoff, Cont.

107ⁱⁱ Everett Raymond Meyerhoff (31, 6, 1).

Born: 17 April 1898.

Living: 1958 at 621 Commonwealth, Alhambra, California. A letter sent to that address was not answered, however it was not returned so the Meyerhoffs might have moved.

Married:

108ⁱⁱⁱ Amanda Marie Meyerhoff (31, 6, 1).

Born: 31 August 1901

Living: In 1958 at Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Lee Buescher.

Children: (3) Vernon; Donald and Wanda Buescher.

Children of Amanda Marie Meyerhoff¹⁰⁸ and Lee Buscher.

310ⁱ Vernon Buescher. (108, 31, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: 1962

311ⁱⁱ Donald Buescher. (108, 31, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: 1962

312ⁱⁱⁱ Wanda Buescher. (108, 31, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: 1962

Children of Ada Ellen (Howie)³¹ and Wm. Henry Meyerhoff, (Continued)

109^{iv} Agnes Leola Meyerhoff. (31, 6, 1).

Born: 20 June 1906

Living: At Percy, Illinois in 1958.

Married: Hermon Fedderke. He was listed in one reference as he second husband.

Children: None were reported in 1958.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Howie)⁶ and James Howie, Continued

32^{xii} David Howie (6, 1).

Born: 22 June 1878 at Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois, not far from Sparta.

Died: 14 March 1939 at Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois. Death was due to dropsy.

Married: Adele Rickenberg.

Children: Nine children were born to Adele and David Howie³²: Goldie; Gladys; Emerson; Everett; Woodrow; Willard; Fern; Agnes; and Ada Howie.

Children of Adele (Rickenberg) and David Howie³².

110ⁱ Goldie Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married: Alvin Schott in February 1921.

Children:

111ⁱⁱ Gladys Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Married:

Children of Adele (Rickenberg) and David Howie³², Continued.

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Emerson W. Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: March 1963 in Eden, Illinois, where he was a farmer.

Married:

Children: William Harlan; Wilma Howie; Naomi Howie; and Verlin Ferrell Howie!

Emerson Howie attended Randolph County schools. He was married but his wife's name was not learned.

From an ad Emerson Howie placed in the Sparta paper on 26 December 1957, he had clover for sale. Again an ad in the summer of 1958 he offered farm equipment and pigs for sale. According to tax lists he owned land in Eden and in Baldwin, Illinois.

He had served on the county board of road commissioners and was running for re-election in March 1963.

Children of _____ and Emerson Howie¹¹².

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William Harlan Howie (112, 32, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois in 1963 with his wife.

Married: Married Mildred Lucille Morrow, December 1962.

Children: None given.

William Harlan Howie was educated in Randolph County schools.

"Miss Mildred Lucille Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morrow of Sparta and William Harlan Howie of Eden were married on Saturday of last week. Justice of the Peace Egger Preformed the ceremony at Perryville, Missouri. Naomi Howie, sister of the groom and Lonnie, brother of the bride were attendants."

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Wilma Howie (112, 32, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living with her husband and children in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

Married: Keith Mahan on 26 March 1959 in Sparta, Illinois

Children: (1) Stephanie Lynn Mahan.

Wilma Howie attended school in Randolph County and Sparta Township High School. In December 1957 she was a member of the school's Drama Club. She was in a play, "Skin our Teeth" in March 1958.

Keith Mahan also attended Sparta schools.

SPRING WEDDING - Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mahan are pictured following their marriage in Sparta on March 26th. Mrs. Mahan is the former Wilma Howie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Howie of Sparta. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mahan, also of Sparta. The couple is at home to friends in Sparta. (Photo by Maybell-Richell)

Child of Wilma (Howie)³²¹ and Keith Mahan.

516ⁱ Stephanie Lynn Mahan (321, 112, 32, 6, 1).

Born: 28 March 1960 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963 with her parents in Sparta.

Children of _____ and Emerson Howie¹¹², Continued.

322ⁱⁱⁱ Naomi Howie (112, 32, 6, 1).

Born: Near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: 1963

Married: Norman E. Owens on 15 October 1963 at 7:00 in the evening at Marissa, Illinois. Justice of the Peace George Rodman performed the service.

Mr. Norman Owens was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia with the Navy. He was the son of the late Mr. David Ivan Owens and Mrs. Robert Winter of Marissa.

Children of _____ and Emerson Howie¹¹².

323^{iv} Verlin Ferrell Howie (112, 32, 6, 1).

Born: Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: April 1963 at 301 McClurkin Avenue in Sparta, Illinois

Married: Mary Louise Klausing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klausing, on 23 March 1963 at the Trinity United Presbyterian parsonage in Sparta, Dr. William H. Hughes performed the double ring ceremony. The couple was attended by Mildred Morrow Howie and William Harlen Howie.

Mr. Howie was employed by Valley Steel Products in Eden.

Children of Adele (Rickenberg) and David Howie³², Continued.

113^{iv} Everett Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In Sparta, Illinois in 1958 where he drove a taxi.

Married:

Children: (6) David; Kevin; Dorothy; Carol; Willard Dean; and a baby Howie.

Everett Howie attended school in the Sparta area and Sparta Township High School.

Mrs. Everett Howie's maiden name was not known. She suffered a heart attack in January 1958.

Children of _____ and Everett Howie¹¹³.

209ⁱ David Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: In Sparta with his parents in 1958

210ⁱⁱ Kevin Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: In Sparta in 1958 with his parents.

211ⁱⁱⁱ Dorothy (Dotty) Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: In Sparta in 1958 with her parents.

212^{iv} Carol Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: In 1958 with her parents in Sparta, Illinois.

213^v Willard Dean Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: With his parents in Sparta, Illinois in 1958.

214^{vi} _____ Howie (113, 32, 6, 1).

Born: This child was a baby in 1958.

Living: In 1958 with the parents in 1958.

Children of Adele (Rickenberg) and David Howie³², Continued.

114^v Woodrow Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living:

Married:

Children:

115^{vi} Willard Howie (32, 6, 1,).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In Baldwin, Randolph County, Illinois in 1958.

Married: Lydia Hannaka, 20 May 1938 at Perryville, Missouri.

Children: Not known.

Mrs. Willard Howie of Baldwin, Illinois spent a few weeks visiting her brother and sister in California according to the Sparta paper dated 16 October 1958.

116^{vii} Fern Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

117^{viii} Agnes Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children:

118^{ix} Ada Howie (32, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Married:

Children:

Children (15) of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

33^{xiii} Thomas "Tom" Charles Howie (6, 1).

Born: 10 February 1880 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 28 (or 25) January 1917 near Steeleville, Illinois. He lacked less than a month of being 37 years old at the time of his death from tuberculosis. Burial was at Steeleville.

Married: Clara Louise Freidika Caroline Wettinfeld.

Children: (5) Raymond; Eddie Lewis; Glen William; Chester Thomas; and Katie Howie.

Clara Louise Freidika Wettinfeld was born 28 January 1886 in East Saint Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois. She died 3 December 1955.

Children of Clara (Wettinfeld) and Thomas C. Howie³³.

119ⁱ Raymond Howie (33, 6, 1).

Born: 20 December 1905 in San Francisco, California.

Died: 27 January 1911

Married: Not married.

120ⁱⁱ Eddie Lewis Howie (33, 6, 1).

Born: 14 August 1907 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Living: He was living with his wife at Chester, Illinois in 1958.

Married: Elsie Bendorff on October 5, 1929 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

Children: (2) Harold Thomas Edward; and Virginia Maude Howie.

Eddie (not a nickname) worked for the International Shoe Company in Chester, Illinois in 1958, beginning work in 1924. Both he and his wife were members of the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chester. He served as Councilman. His address was P. O. Box 161, Chester, in 1958. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Howie sent the information on this family.

Elsie Bendorff was born 29 May 1911 in Ellis Grove, Illinois. She was the daughter of Maude and Edward Bendorff. She was living in Chester, Illinois with her husband in 1958. Elsie (Bendorff) Howie was also employed by the International Shoe Company in Chester.

Children of Elsie (Bendorff) and Eddie Howie¹²⁰.

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345 Harold Thomas Edward Howie (120, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 21 April 1930 at Ellis Grove, Illinois.

Living: In 1958.

Married: Mary Ann Rodewald on 25 August 1950 at Chester, Illinois.

Children: (3) Harold Wayne; Robert Otis; and Joyce Ann Howie.

Children of Mary Ann (Rodewald) and Harold Thomas Howie³⁴⁵.

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458 Harold Wayne Howie (345, 120, 33, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

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459 Robert Otis Howie (345, 120, 33, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

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463 Joyce Ann Howie (345, 120, 33, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Children (2) of Elsie (Bendorff) and Eddie Howie¹²⁰, Continued.

346ⁱⁱ Virginia Maude Howie (120, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 1 August 1931 at Ellis Grove, Illinois.

Living: At Chester, Illinois with her family in 1958.

Married: Glenn Long on 14 April 1951 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

Children: (2) Glenn Allen and Phyllis Ann Long.

Children of Virginia Maude (Howie)³⁴⁶ and Glenn Long.

464ⁱ Glenn Allen Long (346, 120, 33, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

465ⁱⁱ Phyllis Ann Long (346, 120, 33, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Children of Clara (Wettinfeld) and Thomas Howie³³, Continued.

121ⁱⁱⁱ Glen William Howie (33, 6, 1).

Born: 11 December 1911 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Living: 1958 in Welge, Illinois with his wife.

Married: Martha Ebers on 11 July 1931 at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

Children: (3) Glenn Martin; Violet Rose; and Sandra Kay Howie.

Glen Howie was working as a carpenter in 1958 and was a member of the Carpenter's Union Number 1361. He was a member of Saint Paul's Church.

Martha (Ebers) was born 25 February 1912, the daughter of Emilie (_____) and Martin Ebers. She was living in 1958. Mr. Glen Howie sent the material for his family.

Children of Martha (Ebers) and Glen Howie

347ⁱ Glen Martin Howie (121, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 17 November 1931 in Steeleville, Illinois.

Living: 1958

Married:

Children:

348ⁱⁱ Violet Rose Howie (121, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 14 February 1933 in Percy, Illinois.

Living: 1958.

Married:

Children:

349ⁱⁱⁱ Sandra Kay Howie (121, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 20 April 1948 in Welge, Illinois.

Living: 1958

Married:

122^{iv} Chester Thomas Howie (33, 6, 1).

Born: 16 August 1913 in Venice, California.

Living: In 1958 Chester Howie and his wife lived at 1300 North 42nd Street, East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Married: Dorothy Julia Van Ausdoll.

Children: (4) Betty Anne; Thomas Latrell; Carol Sue; and Chester Raymond Howie.

350ⁱ Betty Anne Howie (122, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 18 October 1935 in Chester, Randolph County, Illinois

Living: In 1958.

Married: Robert Arthur Bobby.

Children: One child had been born to this couple by 1958, Brian Lee Bobby.

Robert Arthur Bobby was born 19 August 1932 in East Saint Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois.

466ⁱ Brian Lee Bobby (350, 122, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 18 September 1956 in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Living: In 1958.

351ⁱⁱ Thomas Latrell Howie (122, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 6 October 1939 in Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: 1958.

Married:

Children:

352ⁱⁱⁱ Carol Sue Howie (122, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 29 June 1942 in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Living: In 1958.

Married:

Children:

353^{iv} Chester Raymond Howie (122, 33, 6, 1).

Born: 10 July 1951 in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Children of Clara L.F.C. (Wettenfeld) and Thomas C. Howie³³, Cont.

123^v Katie Howie (33, 5, 1).

Born: 28 December 1909 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Died: 22 February 1924 at the age of 14 years, 1 month, 25 days.

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued.

34^{xiv} Abram Lincoln "Link" Howie (6, 1).

Born: In September 1881 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 14 December 1938 at Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. Death was caused by Tularemia or "rabbit fever".

Married: Margaret "Maggie" Augusta Bumann in Saint Louis, Missouri on 16 November 1906.

Children: (6) Twins, Izola and Leona; Paul; Irene; Silas; and Daniel B. Howie.

Lincoln Howie received his education in the schools near Steeleville, Illinois. As a young man, he was a member of a group of young people who played and sang for community programs. Joseph Rice Benson¹⁹, a cousin, was also a member of the group.

Link Howie married Margaret Augusta Bumann (pronounced as though it was spelled "Boo'man") in Saint Louis, Missouri on 16 November 1906. Margaret Bumann was the daughter of Margaret (Empte or Emky) and August Bumann and was born at Oak Harber, Ohio on 20 October 1888. She was a sister of Frank Bumann who married Anna Mae Howie³⁵, a sister of Link's. Margaret (Bumann) Howie died 5 April 1962 at the Sparta Community Hospital after an illness of five years. She was 73 years of age at the time of her death.

The last seven years, Mrs. Howie made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Groziak in Marissa. In February 1962 she entered the Sparta Hospital but was moved to the Randolph County Nursing Home in Sparta. She was later returned to the Sparta Community Hospital.

MRS. MARGARET HOWIE DIES AT HOSPITAL HERE AT AGE OF 73 YEARS
Sparta News-Plaindealer - 12 April 1962

"Mrs. Margaret Augusta Howie, 73, of Marissa, died Thursday afternoon of last week at the Sparta Community Hospital following an illness of five years. A former resident of Sparta, Mrs. Howie lived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nick Groziak, in Marissa the past seven years.

"A daughter of the late August and Maggie Bumann, nee Emky, was born at Oak Harbor, Ohio, on October 20, 1888. She married Abraham L. Howie in Saint Louis, November 16, 1906. He died December 14, 1938.

"Besides her daughter, Mrs. Irene Groziak of Marissa, she is survived by another daughter, Izola, wife of Louis Castens of Campbell Hill; three sons, Paul and Daniel Howie of Sparta, and Silas Howie of Springfield; a brother, Frank Bumann of Coulterville; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Heinz of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Ben Lautz of Denver, Colorado and Mrs. Alma Webb of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son, three sisters and a brother.

"The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the United Presbyterian Church at Marissa to the Steeleville City Cemetery. Rev. Wesley P. Walters, the pastor, officiated. The Finger Funeral Home of Marissa, was in charge of the services."

Children of Margaret (Bumann) and Abram Lincoln Howie³⁴.

124ⁱ Izola Howie (34, 6, 1).

Born: About 1907 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963 in Campbell Hill, Illinois.

Married: Twice. Married first to Vernon Henderson on Friday evening 16 February 1933 at the home of her parents, Margaret and Lincoln

Howie³⁴ in Sparta, Illinois. The Rev. J. C. Murdock read the marriage service. The couple was attended by Ruth Morrison and the bride's brother, Paul Howie¹²⁶.

Izola Henderson married second, Louis A. Castens on Saturday afternoon 19 August 1961 at the Saint Mark's Lutheran parsonage in Steeleville, Illinois. The Rev. Alvin Maack read the ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Irene Groziak of Marissa attended her sister. Oscar Castens of Campbell Hill attended his brother.

Children: (3) or (4) by her first husband: Roger Lee; James; Betty May and Thomas Henderson.

No children by second husband.

Izola Howie was educated in the Randolph County schools. She was a twin sister of Leona Howie, who died at birth. Although Izola sent much information of her family, she did not include her birth date.

After her first husband's death, she married Louis A. Castens. Vernon Henderson was employed as a baker at the time of his marriage. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Henderson of Sparta. Vernon died in 1958 or 1959.

Mrs. Louis A. Castens was honored at several showers after her marriage to Mr. Castens.

Children of Izola (Howie)¹²⁴ and Vernon Henderson.

354ⁱ Roger Lee Henderson (124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in Battle Creek, Michigan with his wife in 1961. Their address was 100 W. Manchester, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Married: Janet Fox on Saturday evening, 23 April 1960 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sparta, Illinois. The Rev. George Barnhart preformed the ceremony.

Children: Collen Roger Henderson.

Robert Lee Henderson attended Randolph County schools and graduated from the Steeleville High School. He entered the United States Air Force. In June 1960, Roger was promoted to Airman-2c, according to his commander, Lt. Col. Alfred E. Brandstrom. Airman Henderson was a radar mapper in the Detroit Air Defense Sector's Direction Center at Custer Air Force Station, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Janet Fox was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Fox of Sparta. She attended schools in Sparta and graduated from the Sparta Township High School. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois in 1958-1959.

She later attended the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale in 1959-60. In 1962, Janet Fox Henderson was named one of the heirs of Doctor Boynton's estate in Sparta.

Sparta News-Plaindealer- January 21, 1960

"TO BE WED - Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Fox of Sparta are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to A-3c Roger L. Henderson, son of Mrs. Izola Henderson and the late Vernon Henderson. Miss Fox is a student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Mr. Henderson is stationed with the air force at Battle Creek, Michigan. A spring wedding is planned."

Mrs. DeWayne Fox was the former Marjorie Parsons of Sparta. She and Mr. Fox were married at Waterloo, Illinois in October 1936.

Sparta News-Plaindealer, Thursday April 28, 1960.

"Bouquets of pastel spring flowers and palms created a background for the double ring ceremony which united in marriage Miss Janet Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Fox of Sparta, and Roger L. Henderson, son of Mrs. Izola Henderson and the late Vernon Henderson of Sparta, Saturday evening, April 23, 1960, in Westminster Presbyterian Church.

"The seven o'clock candlelight ceremony was performed by Rev. George Barnhart in the presence of 150 guests.

"Mrs. Rollin Elwyn, friend of the bride, played Mendelsohn's Wedding March as the bride came down the aisle on the arm of her father. She was gowned in white lace over taffeta, styled ballerina length with a deeply rounded neckline and bracelet-length sleeves. Her headpiece was of lace and pearls which held a circular, shoulder-length veil. Her bridal bouquet was of white gardenias surrounded by pink Sweetheart roses.

"Miss Judy Welshans served as maid of honor, and was attired in a blue chiffon ballerina-length dress with her headpiece identical to that of the bride. She carried a pink carnation bouquet.

"David Nugent of Battle Creek, Michigan was chosen by the groom as his best man, and his brothers, Jim Henderson and Tom Henderson, were ushers.

"Candles were lighted at the beginning of the ceremony by Miss Rita Fox, sister of the bride.

"A reception for 100 guests was given by the bride's parents in Calvin Hall following the ceremony.

"The bride is a graduate of Sparta Township High School, and attended the University of Illinois in 1958-1959 and Southern Illinois University in 1959-1960.

"The groom is a graduate of Steeleville High School, and is with the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Battle Creek, Michigan.

"Following a brief honeymoon in the Ozark Mountains, the couple is residing at 100 West Manchester, Apartment 3, Battle Creek, Michigan."

Children of Janet (Fox) and Roger Lee Henderson³⁵⁴.

540ⁱ Collen Roger Henderson (354, 124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: 6 July 1961 at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Living: Living with his parents in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1961.

Children of Izola (Howie)¹²⁴ and Vernon Henderson, continued.

355ⁱⁱ James D. Henderson (124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County.

Living: Living in 1961 in Marissa, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Married Miss Eva Jane Jacob on 30 September 1961 at the United Presbyterian Church in Tilden, Illinois. Rev. Dennis Saylor performed the ceremony.

Children:

James D. Henderson attended the schools in the Steeleville area and graduated from the Steeleville High School in 1959. He was a machine operator employed by the Spartan Aluminum Company.

Miss Eva Jane Jacob was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jacob of rural Marissa. She graduated from Sparta Township High School in 1959.

The following article taken from the Sparta News-Plaindealer of 12 October 1961, told of the marriage of the two.

"MISS JACOB BRIDE OF JAMES HENDERSON IN CHURCH SERVICE

"In a double ring service performed at the Tilden United Presbyterian Church, Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m., Miss Eva Jane Jacob, daughter of Wm. J. Jacob, of rural Marissa became the bride of James D. Henderson of Sparta, son of Mrs. Izola Henderson Castens of Campbell Hill.

"Rev. Dennis Saylor performed the ceremony at the alter which was decorated with pink and white mums and gladiolas.

"Miss Sarah Graham played the traditional wedding march, and 'Always' and the 'Lord's Prayer' were beautifully presented.

"Willie Mae Marsh of Belleville, was maid of honor and Paulette Jacob, the bride's sister was flower girl. James D. Jacob Jr. was ring bearer and Wayne Howie of Sparta, the groom's cousin was best man.

"The bride was given in marriage by her father. For her wedding gown, she chose pure white banquet taffeta fashioned with a Chantilly lace bodice and embellished with iridescent sequins and tiny seed pearls."-- --- She wore a Chapel train and a pearl crown with tiered veil. -- - - --

The "The bride graduated from Sparta Township High School and the groom graduated from the Steeleville High School in the class of 1959. He is a machine operator employed by the Spartan Aluminum Company.

"After a wedding trip to Michigan, the newlyweds will be at home in Marissa."

Children of Izola (Howie)¹²⁴ and Vernon Henderson, Continued.

356^{iv} Thomas Henderson : (124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1961 when he was admitted to the Sparta Community Hospital on 16 February 1961.

357^{iv} Betty May Henderson (124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living with her husband and family in March 1963 near Marissa, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Clifford Marshall Prest about 1956.

Children: (3) Vernon Marshall; Kathleen Marie; and Eric Luke Prest.

Betty Mae Henderson was educated in Randolph County and if she attended high school, it was probably in Steeleville as that was where her brothers went.

Clifford Marshall Prest was born near Marissa, north of Tilden, Randolph County, Illinois. He was the son of Everett A. Prest who died Saturday 21 March 1963, and Nettie M. (Stevenson) Prest. Mr. Prest Sr. was the son of Robert J. and Mary (Ross) Prest. Mrs. Nettie M. (Stevenson) Prest was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stevenson of north of Sparta.

The following article from the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 21 March 1963 gave the obituary for Mr. Everett A. Prest.

"Everett A. Prest Dies at His Home North of Tilden

"Everett A. Prest, 68, prominent retired farmer living north of Tilden and father of Loren Prest of Sparta, died at his home at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, following an illness of two months. He had spent some time in the Sparta Community Hospital and Memorial Hospital at Belleville.

"Funeral services were held at the United Presbyterian Church at Tilden, of which the deceased was a member, Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Dennis Saylor, the pastor officiating. Burial was made in the Marissa Cemetery.

"Mr. Prest, a son of the late Robert J. and Mary Prest, nee Ross, was born October 24, 1894, in the community where he died. He was married at Saint Louis in 1913 to Miss Nettie M. Stevenson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stevenson of north of Sparta.

"Besides his wife, he is survived by six sons, Wyman, Milton, and Nolan Prest, all of the Coulterville area; Orville and Clifford of near Marissa, and Loren Prest of Sparta; one daughter, Ann, wife of William Wheeler of East Saint Louis; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Paul of Coulterville; 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"He was preceded in death by a daughter, a sister and a brother."

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Mrs. Mary (Ross) Prest, grandmother of Clifford M. Prest was a daughter of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross of County Antrim North Ireland. She was born 27 December 1858, the twin sister of Elizabeth. Mary died 13 September 1948. She married Robert J. Prest 2 May 1883. He was born 14 November 1856 and died 23 October 1932. The Ross line was traced back to one James Ross who was born about 1789, the son of one Robert Ross of North Ireland. The outline for the Ross line was included in the Related Families.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Prest and children visited in Canada in 1960.

Children of Betty May ^{Henderson} (Howie)³⁵⁷ and Clifford Marshall Prest.

517ⁱ Vernon Marshall Prest (357, 124, 34, 6, 1).

Born: 22 March 1958 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living March 1963 with his parents near Marissa, Illinois.

518ⁱⁱ Kathleen Marie Prest (357, 124, 34, 6, 1).
 Born: 4 October 1959 in Randolph County, Illinois.
 Living: Living in March 1963 with her parents near Marissa, Illinois.

519ⁱⁱⁱ Eric Luke Prest (357, 124, 34, 6, 1).
 Born: 21 November 1961 in Randolph County, Illinois.
 Living: Living March 1963 with his parents near Marissa, Illinois.

Children of Margaret (Bumann) and Abram Lincoln Howie³⁴.

125ⁱⁱ Leona Howie (34, 6, 1).
 Born: About 1907 in Randolph County, Illinois, a twin sister of Izola Howie¹²⁴.
 Died: Death came soon after birth.

126ⁱⁱⁱ Paul Howie (34, 6, 1).
 Born: Born in Randolph County, Illinois.
 Living: At 319 East Osborn, Sparta, Illinois in April 1962.
 Married: Ruth Morrison.
 Children: (2) Janice Pauline and Wayne L. Howie.

In 1958 Paul Howie was manager of the H. C. Cole Milling and Elevator Company of Sparta. He also raised honey to sell. In 1958 he was elected one of the deacons of the First Presbyterian Church in Sparta.

According to a picture in the Sparta News Plaindealer in 1958, Mrs. Paul Howie worked for the Koenegstien Bakery in Sparta. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Ruth Circle of that Church. She was also an active member of the Mother's Club of DeMolay.

Children of Ruth (Morrison) and Paul Howie¹²⁶.

358ⁱ Pauline Howie (126, 34, 6, 1).
 Born: In Randolph County, Illinois
 Living: With her husband in 1958 in the Coulterville area, Illinois.
 Married: Lester Eugene Fulleton on 24 August 1957.
 Children: (2) Janice Pauline and Michael Eugene Fulleton.

Pauline Howie attended the Sparta, Illinois schools. She and her husband were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and were active in the work of the church.

Lester Eugene Fullerton was born 29 December 1935 in Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois, the son of Flossie (Stewart) and Lester Fullerton. He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in accounting. Eugene Fullerton was the grandson of Margaret (McIntyre) and William McAllister Fullerton and a great grandson of Jane (Ross) and Wilson Fullerton. (See Fullerton and the McIntyre Families)

Child of Pauline (Howie)³⁵⁸ and Lester Eugene "Gene" Fullerton

546ⁱ Janice Pauline Fullerton (358, 126, 34, 6, 1).

Born: 11 July 1958 at 5:10 p.m., at the Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1963 with her parents near Coulterville, Illinois.

550ⁱⁱ Michael Eugene Fullerton (358, 126, 34, 6, 1).

Born: 3 July 1961 at Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pickneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: 1963 with his parents.

Children of Ruth (Morrison) and Paul Howie¹²⁶, Continued.

359ⁱⁱ Wayne L. Howie (126, 34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois, probably in Sparta.

Living: Living in Sparta in 1962.

Wayne L. Howie was a member of the Thespian group of Sparta Township High School and was stage manager for the play the group gave in March 1958. He was installed as Master Counselor of the Tancred Chapter of the Belleville De Molay on 7 November 1957.

In 1962 Wayne L. Howie was stationed with U. S. Naval Sub. school at New London, Conn. His serial number was 5933889.

Children of Margaret (Bumann) and Abram Lincoln Howie³⁴, Continued.

127^{iv}

Irene Howie (34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in August 1962 in Marissa, Illinois with her husband.

Married: Nick Groziak.

Children: It was believed that one child was born.

128^v

Silas Howie (34, 6, 1).

Born: Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in Springfield, Illinois with his wife in April 1962.

Married: Ruby King, daughter of the Russell Smiths of Sparta.

Children: At least one child - Russell Howie.

Child of Ruby (King) and Silas Howie¹²⁸.

361ⁱ

Russell Howie (128, 34, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in 1962.

Children of Margaret (Bumann) and Abram Lincoln Howie³⁴, Continued.

129^{vi}

Daniel B. Howie (34, 6, 1).

Born: In Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: Living in 1962.

Married:

Children: At least one child was born.

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Child of _____ and Daniel B. Howie (129, 34, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Children of Amanda Melissa (Benson)⁶ and James Howie, Continued

35^{xv}

Anna Mae Howie (6, 1).

Born: 3 May 1883 near Steeleville, not far from Sparta and in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: In May 1963 at Coulterville, Illinois.

Married: Frank Bumann on 25 November 1903 at Cutler, Perry County, Illinois. (From record she sent the writers). The name of Bumann was pronounced as though it was spelled "Boo'man".

Children: (7) Leroy Franklin; Beulah; Glodean Luella; Clifford; Kenneth Lincoln; Vernon Clyde; and Eileen Bumann.

Anna Mae Howie was probably raised in the Reformed Presbyterian Church and after attending rural schools she was married. Her children and husband seemed to take much of her time. Later she was active in the Shamrock Club. Quilting and sewing seemed to interest her.

Frank Bumann was born 14 November 1881 at Oak Harbor, Ottawa County, Ohio. He was a son of Margaret "Maggie" (Empte) and August Bumann. He was farming in the Coulterville area in 1963. Their address at that time was R. R. #3, Coulterville, Illinois. Frank had a sister, Mrs. Bertha (Bumann) Jordon of Lafayette, Indiana, who died in March 1961 following surgery. He also had a brother (name not known) who married Rosie Birchler. She also had died before 1961. Another sister Margaret married A. L. Howie³⁴ and died 1961. It will be noted that Anna Mae Bumann gave her husband's mother as Margaret "Empte" while the obituary of Margaret B. Howie as "Emky".

In 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumann and a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hetherington visited in Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado.

Children of Anna Mae (Howie)³⁵ and Frank Bumann.

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Leroy Franklin Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 12 December 1904 southeast of Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois. (Record from Sparta News-Plaindealer)

Died: 15 March 1961, Saturday, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. His death followed a heart attack suffered 16 days before while he visited his parents in Coulterville. He was removed immediately to the Belleville Hospital.

Married: Unmarried.

Children: None.

Leroy Bumann served in World War II. For the last 18 years he had lived in East St. Louis, Illinois where he was employed at the American Zinc Company plant at Monsanto as a machine operator. He received his early education in schools of the Coulterville area.

The following was the obituary in the Sparta paper.

News-Plaindealer, Sparta, Illinois, Thursday, March 30, 1961 - Coulterville Column

"BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

"LeRoy Bumann passed away last Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and the body was brought to the Howard-Wilson Funeral Home that night.

"Mr. Bumann was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumann and was born on December 12, 1904. He was a veteran of World War II. For the past 18 years he had lived in East St. Louis and was employed at the American Zinc Company. He was out here on March 9th visiting his parents and was stricken with a heart attack. He was taken to the hospital, where he remained a patient.

"Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the U. P. Church in Swanwick, Rev. Alfred Noakes conducting. Interment was in Swanwick cemetery, with the VFW Post No. 8465 of East St. Louis, in charge of graveside services.

"Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Kenneth of Swanwick, and Vernon of Coulterville; three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Hetherington of Nashville, Mrs. Glodean Bush of Lafayette, Ind., and Mrs. Eileen Crain of East St. Louis."

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Beulah Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 4 September 1906 southeast of Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: March 1961 with her husband in Nashville, Illinois.

Married: Albert Hetherington.

Children: There were children born to this union but the names were not learned.

In June 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington visited Laudon Hetherington in the Randolph County Nursing Home in Sparta. Danna Hetherington of Columbia visited Laudon Hetherington at the Nursing Home. In October 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hetherington of Nashville visited the Randolph County Home. In December 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hetherington of Nashville Illinois visited relatives in the Swanwick and Coulterville areas.

Children of Beulah (Bumann)¹³¹ and Albert Hetherington.

The number of children or their names was not learned.

132ⁱⁱⁱ Glodean Luella Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 11 December 1908 at Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois
(Her own material from questionnaire)

Living: Glodean was living with her husband in March 1962 in LaFayette, Indiana. Their address was R. R. #12.

Married: Clifford Bush about 1924 or 1925.

Children: (3) Maxine; Raebura and Roland Bush.

Glodean Bumann and Clifford Bush have travelled in California and Florida as well as their home states of Illinois and Indiana. They were members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her special hobbies were reading and sewing.

Clifford Bush was born 2(or 3) March 1906 at Sparta, Illinois. He was the son of Dora (Belton) and Lou Bush. Dora Belton was born 28 January 1882 near Sparta Illinois and Lou Bush was born 17 July 1867 also near Sparta. They were both living in 1962. He was a miner until he retired in 1958. Clifford Bush was a truck driver for the American-Marietta truck line for 20 years, hauling concrete, brick and tile. He was a brother of Albert Bush of Dupon, Illinois. Sparta News Plaindealer - Swanwick notes 21 September 1961. Glodian Bush sent information.

Children of Glodean (Bumann) and Clifford Bush

356ⁱ Maxine Bush (132, 35, 6, 1).

Born: In 1926 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living:

Married:

Children:

357ⁱⁱ Raeburn Bush (132, 35, 6, 1).

Born: In 1928 in Sparta, Illinois.

Living: He was living in San Diego, California in 1948

Married:

Children:

Raeburn Bush served in the Navy in 1948. His base was in San Diego, California.

Children of Glodean (Bumann) and Clifford Bush, Continued.

358ⁱⁱⁱ Roland Bush (132, 35, 6, 1).

Born: In 1932 in LaFayette, Tippecanoe, Indiana.

Living: He was living in 1954.

Married:

Children:

Roland Bush served in the Navy from 1950 to 1954 and was in an area near Japan.

Children of Anna Mae (Howie)³⁵ and Frank Bumann, continued.

133^{iv} Clifford Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 9 October 1910 near Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: 23 July 1953 at LaFayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Death was due to heart trouble. Burial was at Linden, Indiana.

Married: Twice: First to Helen J. Kramlich. They were divorced. Ssecond, to Margaret Cole, who survived him.

Children: (12)

(5) by first wife: Doris; Imogene; Nancy; Clifford Clayton; and William Joseph "Billy Joe" Buman(N). It was not known if the above was the correct order of birth.

(7) by the second wife: Earl; Clarence; Etta; Allen; Vernon; Linda; and Janet Bumann.

Clifford Bumann attended schools in the Coulterville. Clifford was working as a watchman for the lock Joint Pipe Company in LaFayette, Indiana prior to his death.

After their divorce, his first wife, Helen J. (Kramich) Bumann married secondly Ray Quillman of Sparta, Illinois. They were living in March 1963. She and her children had dropped the last "n" of the name "Bumann", making it "Buman".

Clifford Bumann's second wife survived him. She later remarried but her second hausbands name was not learned. She was living in LaFayette, Indiana in 1960.

Children of Clifford Bumann¹³³ and his first wife, Helen J. (Kramlich).

370ⁱ Doris Buman (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: The date and place of birth was not learned. The following order of births might not be in proper order.

Living: Living in 1962.

Married: _____ Chunn before 1961.

Children: (1) Allan "Butch" Chunn.

Child of Doris (Buman)³⁷⁰ and _____ Chunn.

521ⁱ Allan "Butch" Chunn. (370, 133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Children of Helen J. (Kramlich) and Clifford Bumann¹³³, Continued.

371ⁱⁱ Imogene Buman (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Living:

Married: Twice: First Mr. Reinhardt. Second, Mr. Brown.

One relative gave Imogene Buman as marrying Reinhardt Brown. Another said she was married twice and that Reinhardt was the name of the first husband and Brown was the name of the second. Neither statement was verified.

372ⁱⁱⁱ Nancy Buman (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in 1962 in the Azore Island with her husband and baby. In May 1963 the family was returned to Florida, where Staff Sergeant was to be stationed.

Married: Gilbert D. Ashby about 1960 or 1961.

Child: Donald Scott Ashby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ashby were living the Azore Islands in 1962 where Mr. Ashby was stationed as a Staff Sergeant. Mr. Ashby was the son of Mrs. Gladys Lindsay.

Child of Nancy (Buman)³⁷³ and Gilbert D. Ashby.

522ⁱ Donald Scott Ashby (373, 133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 4 July 1962 at the Azore Island Hospital.

Living: Living in 1962 with his parents on the Azore Island

Children of Helen J. (Kranlich) and Clifford Bumann¹³³, Continued.

374ⁱⁱⁱ Clifford Clayton Buman (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: March 1961 near Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Married: Naomi V. Hood on 26 November 1960 at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Sparta, Illinois.

Children: Clifford Wayne Buman.

Clifford Clayton Buman was raised in Sparta where his mother lived. He farmed near Coulterville where he owned property.

Naomi V. Hood was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hood of Coulterville, Illinois. Before her wedding to Clayton Buman, a shower was given for Naomi Hood. Among those attending were Mrs. Ray Quillman (mother of the groom); Mrs. Alex Hood (mother of the bride); Mrs. Roger Hood; Mrs. Verne Bumann, Mrs. Frank Bumann (grandmother of the groom); Mrs. Sam Hood; Mrs. Herman Burton; Mrs. Vera Montgomery; Mrs. Edith Howie; Mrs. K. L. Bumman; Mrs. Beulah Hetherington; Mrs. Evelyn Schlimme; and Mrs. Mary Bush. Others also attended.

Child of Naomi V. (Hood) and Clifford Clayton Buman³⁷⁴.

520ⁱ Clifford Wayne Buman (374, 133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 1962 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: With his parents in 1963.

Children of Helen J. (Kramlich) and Clifford Bumann¹³³, Continued.

375^v William Joseph "Billy Joe" Buman (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: About 1942 for he was 19 years old in November 1961.

Living: Living in Seoul, Korea in June 1962 where he was serving in the United States Army.

Unmarried: Unmarried in 1961.

Billy Joe Buman graduated from the Sparta Township High School in 1960, according to the Sparta News-Plaindealer, 9 February 1961. Billy Joe Buman of Route 2, Sparta, Illinois, enlisted in the United States Army for a three year period. He was assigned in the Construction Equipment Maintenance field and upon completion of his basic training and a short leave at home, he reported for his next assignment. He spent the first half of April, 1961 at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ray Quillman on Route 2, Sparta. He then returned to Fort Leonard Wood. Pvt. 1st Class Bill Buman, son of Mrs. Ray Quillman of Route 2, Sparta, was sent to Seoul, Korea in June 1962, according to the Sparta paper. His address was Pvt. Bill Buman, RA. 17584329, Co. C., 76th Engr. Battalion, (Contt.), Apo 76 c/o Postmaster, Sanfrancisco, California.

Company C. won the "Best Engineering Company" award in the 8th Army in 1962.

Children of Clifford Bumann¹³³ and his second wife Margaret (Cole) Bumann.

376^{vi} Earl Bumann (113, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 13 July 1933 at Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, according to the Sparta News-Plaindealer of 20 July 1933 issue which said "A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bumann on Thursday." The paper was published one week after the birth. He was the first child of Margaret (Cole) and Clifford Bumann.

Died:

Married:

Children:

377^{vii} Clarence Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: After 1933

Died:

Married:

Children:

378^{viii} Etta Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Living:

Married:

Etta Bumann was the eighth child of Clifford but only the third child by his second wife, Margaret (Cole) Bumann.

Children of Margaret (Cole) and Clifford Bumann¹³³, Continued.

379^{ix} Allen Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Died:

Living:

380^x Vernon Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 26 January 1945 at LaFayette, Indiana

Died: Living in LaFayette in 1961.

Married: Unmarried in 1961.

381^{xi} Linda Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Died: Living in 1962.

Married: Unmarried in 1962.

382^{xii} Janet Bumann (133, 35, 6, 1).

Born:

Living: Living in 1963.

Married: Unmarried in 1963.

Children of Anna Mae (Howie)³⁵ and Frank Bumann, Continued.

134^v Kenneth Lincoln Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 21 October 1914 near Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: He was living with his wife and two younger children in October 1961 in Swanwick, Illinois.

Married: Mae B. Robinson on 13 April 1932 in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Children: (5) Kenneth Eugene "Gene"; Richard Dale; Marilyn B; Sharon M. Bumann.

After finishing his schooling, Kenneth L. Bumann¹³⁴ owned and operated a truck line at Swanwick, dealing in limestone, coal, phosphate, and fertilizer. He also operated the school bus. In 1958 his son "Gene" assisted his father.

Kenneth served his church, the United Presbyterian at Swanwick as a member of the Board of Trustees. His family were also members of the same church. Mr. Bumann was Treasurer for the General Telephone Company of Illinois. As his wife was initiated into the Rebekahs in 1961, it is possible that Kenneth was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

Mae B. Robinson, wife of Kenneth Bumann was born 15 March 1915 and was the daughter of Richard D. Robinson and his second wife, Minnie McCormick. Miss Minnie McCormick was born 25 March 1872 near Sparta. Richard D. Robinson was born 14 November 1867 near Sparta, Illinois. He was married first to Mary Jane Howie²⁴ who bore him three children before she died.

The name "Robinson" was spelled also "Robison". On his first marriage license, the name appears as "Robison". Later the "Robinson" spelling was used. Mr. Robinson was a coal miner and died before 1961. He had three children by his first wife. Mrs. Minnie (McCormick) Robinson was born 25 March 1872 and was living in March 1963, part of the time with her daughter and part of the time at her home in Sparta. *Mr. Robinson died 24 Dec. 1938. (p. 278.)*

Some notes taken from the Sparta paper include the following:

In 1958 Mrs. Kenneth Bumann was a Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Bumann belonged to a bowling team.

In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Bumann were among the voluntary workers for the 1961 American Cancer Society drive.

In May 1961 - Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Bumann and Sharon entertained at a dinner honoring the birthday anniversary of his mother, Mrs. Frank Bumann. Among those present were many of the family members.

May 1961 - Mrs. Kenneth Bumann and Sharon attended the mother-daughter banquet at Pinckneyville Community High School, sponsored by the Hi-Tri there.

The Kenneth Bumann's celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Swanwick grade school gym Sunday afternoon 29 April 1962.

Children of Mae (Robinson) and Kenneth L. Bumann.¹³⁴

383ⁱ Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Bumann (134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 5 September 1932 at Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois.

Living: June 1961 at Swanwick, Illinois with his wife and family.

Married: Helen Zeman on 11 December 1955 at Los Angeles, California

Children: (2) Robert and Karen Jean Bumann.

Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Bumann served in the United States Navy from 5 December 1951 until 30 November 1955. His service took him not only through U. S. waters but to foreign countries.

In 1958 Gene became associated with his father in the trucking business. One reference to Gene in the paper listed him and his family as living in Coulterville in 1961.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumann were members of the Swanwick United Presbyterian Church and members of the Married Couples Class of the Church at Swanwick. Mrs. Helen Bumann was active in the Women's Missionary Society at Swanwick. She was elected Secretary in September 1961. A few news notes from the Sparta News-Plaindealer mentioned:

1961 -- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumann were among those who helped with the 1961 Cancer drive.

April 1961 - Mrs. Helen Buman was installed as outside guardian of the Rebekah Lodge, Egypt Help Lodge #666, Coulterville. She was Noble Grand in May 1963.

April 1961 -- Mrs. Gene (Helen) Bumann, and children Robert and Karen and Mrs. K. L. Bumann were among those who helped Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Mrs. K. L. Buman's mother observed her birthday in Sparta. Mrs. Vernon (Beth) Bumann and Mrs. Rosie Bumann were also there.

15 June 1961 -- Coulterville notes:

Mrs. Eugene Bumann and two children left Sunday for a visit with her parents in California. In the summer of 1963 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumann and two children moved to California to make their home.

Children of Helen (Zeman) and Kenneth Eugene Bumann³⁸³.

523ⁱ Robert Bumann (383, 134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 1957

Living: With his parents in 1963.

In May 1963 Robert Bumann was enrolled in the first grade to start the following fall.

524ⁱⁱ Karen Jean Bumann (383, 134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 1959. She was baptized on 22 November 1959 in the Swanwick, Illinois, United Presbyterian Church. (Sparta News-Plaindealer, 26 November, 1959).

Living: With her parents in 1963.

Children of Mae (Robinson) and Kenneth Lincoln Bumann.¹³⁴

384ⁱⁱ Richard Dale Bumann (134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 1 October 1936 at Sparta, Illinois.

Living: 1962 when he returned home from service.

Married: Unmarried 1962.

After finishing high school, Richard Bumann attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois, graduating in the spring of 1959. His address was given as Coulterville when he entered the service of the U.S. Army.

8 February 1962 the Swanwick notes in the Sparta News Plaindealer carried the following:

"Richard Dale Bumann who has been stationed near Fairbanks, Alaska for the past 2 years, arrived home Saturday evening after receiving his separation at Ft. Lewis, Washington."

385ⁱⁱⁱ Marilyn B. Bumann (134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 8 September 1941 at Swanwick, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: 1961 with her parents although she was employed in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Married: She married Lonnie Ogilvie, 24 August 1963 at United Presbyterian Church at Swanwick.

Marilyn Bumann graduated from the Pinckneyville High School in 1959 and entered Nurse's Training in Saint Louis in 1960. In 1961 she was employed in Saint Louis, Missouri although the writers were not certain if she was nursing.

Marilyn was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Swanwick and in 1958 she attended a youth institute in Coulterville. In October 1958 she accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Noakes to Sterling, Kansas when they attended the Homecoming activities of the school.

In 1960 Marilyn and her sister Sharon entertained some of their friends with a hay ride and wiener roast. In 1961 Lonnie Ogilvie was entertained honoring his birthday. In December 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Bumann announced the engagement of their daughter Marilyn to Lonnie Ogilvie, son of of Mr. and Mrs. Melroy Ogilvie of Swanwick. Wedding plans were not announced.

386^{iv} Sharon M. Bumann (134, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 13 April 1943 at Swanwick, Perry County, Illinois.

Living: March 1963 with her parents.

Married: Unmarried March 1963.

Sharon M. Bumann was one of the girls to be graduated Wednesday, 31 May 1961 from Pinckneyville Community High School.

Sharon was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and in June 1960 taught in the Daily Vacation Bible school of the church. Mrs. Helen Bumann (Gene) taught the Senior group. In March Sharon was awarded a 6 year pin for perfect attendance at the Swanwick United Presbyterian Sunday School. Rev. Alfred Noakes made the presentation.

In addition to her Church, Sharon also took part in the Hi-Tri in high school and in the Southside 4-H program. In the spring of 1961 she went to Carbondale to take part in the American College Testing program given at Southern Illinois University.

Children of Anna Mae (Howie)³⁵ and Frank Bumann, Continued.

135^{vi} Vernon Clyde Bumann (35, 6, 1).

Born: 12 July 1917 on the family farm in Perry County, near Swanwick, Illinois.

Living: In 1961 with his wife and family in the Coulterville area.

Married: Elizabeth Marie "Beth" Ross on 18 August 1937 at Saint Louis, Missouri.

Children: (2) Carolyn Joyce and Sandra Kay Bumann.

After attending school at the Black Hawk school in Perry County, Vernon Bumann farmed in the Coulterville area south of Sparta. According to the Sparta paper a tractor owned by Vernon suffered damage when it caught fire in January 1958. However the fire was out by the time the fire department from Sparta reached the scene.

Vernon Bumann suffered a heart attack the middle of November 1962 and was hospitalized at the Sparta Community Hospital. He was allowed to return home the middle of December 1962.

Elizabeth "Beth" Marie Ross was born 3 June 1919 at Coulterville, the daughter of Martha Winifred "Winnie" (McCauley) and Clarence Ross. She had two sisters, Imogene and Alice Ross. She also had half sisters and brothers. Winnie McCauley was born 16 March 1890 in Washington County, Illinois and married Clarence Ross 2 September 1914. He was born 6 May 1889, the son of Alexander Ross (born 20 October 1846 in County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died 15 January 1924 in Randolph County, Illinois) and Elizabeth Hanna (Gordon) Ross (born 21 November 1852). Clarence Ross was a grandson of Jane (McAllister) and William Ross. (Ross- Allied families).

The following obituary published in the Sparta News-Plaindealer for 19 October 1962, under the Coulterville notes, gave a complete summary of the life of Martha Winifred Montgomery.

"MRS. MONTGOMERY DIES

Mrs. Martha Winifred Montgomery passed away at her home last Tuesday night in her sleep. She had suffered a heart condition for years.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the R. P. Church, conducted by Rev. Samuel Ward, with interment in Coulterville cemetery. The service was in charge of Howard and Wilson funeral directors.

Mrs. Montgomery was born in Washington county, March 16, 1890, a daughter of Archie and Mary (Hemphill) McCauley. She was married to Clarence Ross on September 2, 1914, and he passed away on July 25, 1927. To this union, three daughters were born. On June 5, 1929, she was married to Dave Montgomery, who passed away last September 11th.

Surviving are her three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Imogene) Woodside of Oneida, Mrs. Vernon (Beth) Bumann of Coulterville, and Mrs. Robert (Alice) Woodside of Wayne, Michigan; one son James Montgomery of St. Louis; six step-daughters, Mrs. Lester (Lena) Leming, Mrs. Roy (Dorothy) Lemming, Mrs. Elmer (Viola) Leming and Mrs. John E. (Opal) Wilson of Coulterville, Mrs. Verna McBride of Tilden, and Mrs. Vernon (Cleo) Jones of Collinsville; two step-sons, D. J. Montgomery of Pulaski, and Rodney Montgomery of Coulterville; 40 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Nina Stoltz of Coulterville, and Mrs. Sadie Stevenson of Marissa, and one brother, Earl McCauley of Coulterville.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bumann were members of the Christian Life Bible Class of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Coulterville in 1958. They also belonged to the County Line Birthday Club.

In May 1958 Mrs. Vernon Bumann was elected vice-president of the Coulterville Lend-A-Hand Club and was also a member of the Shamrock Club. According to the Sparta paper Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bumann visited Mrs. Bumann's sister, Mrs. Robert Woodside and family in Wayne, Michigan in July 1959. They included visits with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Woodside of Oneida, Illinois and Mr. Bumann's sister and family in LaFayette, Indiana while on the trip.

On Saturday 18 August 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Clyde Bumann observed their 25th wedding anniversary between the hours of 7 and 9 P.M. with an open house held in the yard of their home in Coulterville. The yard was well lighted and decorated with wedding bells and pink streamers. The Vernon Bumann's have always lived in Coulterville. Their daughters, Carolyn and Sandra, assisted with the plans. Mrs. Nora McCauley served the wedding cake. Three of Mrs. Bumann's aunts were present. They were Mrs. Sadie Stephenson of Marissa, Mrs. Nina Stoltz and Mrs. Alvin Shaw of Steeleville. Many relatives and friends called to wish the Bumann's many more years of happiness.

Children of Elizabeth "Beth" M. (Ross) and Vernon Clyde Bumann¹³⁵.

387ⁱ Carolyn Joyce Bumann (135, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 10 September 1944 at Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: March 1963. Her home address was the same as her parent's address.

Married: Unmarried in October 1962.

Carolyn Bumann attended the Coulterville elementary schools, finishing the eighth grade in 1958. She graduated from high school in the spring of 1962. While in high school, Carolyn took part in the Future Homemakers of America. In April 1961 she and other girls attended a style show held in Saint Louis under the direction of Dr. Anna Fultz of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Miss Bumann was installed as the historian of the club at its Mother-Daughter banquet in April 1961.

In the fall of 1962 Carolyn Bumann entered training at the Automation Training School in Saint Louis, Missouri. In October 1962, George T. Wilkins, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced that Carolyn Bumann, a graduate of Coulterville high school had been awarded a teacher education scholarship which covers instruction, matriculation, graduation, tuition, and activities fees, in teacher education at any one of the five state universities. It was not known if she accepted the scholarship.

388ⁱⁱ Sandra Kay Bumann (135, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 29 March 1946 at Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Living: With her parents in 1963.

Married: Unmarried in 1963.

Sandra Bumann attended the grade school in Coulterville and graduated from the eighth grade in June 1960. She was a member of the Southside 4-H Club in 1961.

Both Carolyn and Sandra frequently entertained their friends at their home.

Children of Anna Mae (Howie)³⁵ and Frank Bumann.

136^{vii} Eileen Bumann (35,,6, 1).

Born: 14 November 1919.

Living: With her husband in East Saint Louis, Illinois in June 1962.

Married: John "Jack" D. Crain on February 1938 at Pinckneyville, Perry County, Ill.

Children: (2) Jack (or John) Lee and Keith Albert Crain.

The John Crains lived at Swanwick before moving to East St. Louis.

In February 1963 the Crain's planned to observe their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house held near Sparta. The serious illness and hospitalization of Mrs. Eileen Crain caused the postponement of open house.

Children of Eileen Bumann¹³⁶ and John D. Crain.

389ⁱ Jack (or John Lee) Crain (136, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 20 February 1939.

Living: He was living in Saint Louis, Missouri with his wife and daughter in 1962.

Married: _____

Children: (1) A daughter Crain

553ⁱ Daughter Crain (389, 136, 35, 6, 1).

Born: Before 1960.

Living: Living 1962 in St. Louis, Missouri with her parents.

390ⁱⁱ Keith Albert Crain (136, 35, 6, 1).

Born: 21 October 1941

Living: March 1962 when he received his separation papers from the United States Air Force.

Married: Unmarried March 1962.

The Sparta News-Plaindealer carried the following articles that pertained to Keith Crain.

1960 - A2C Keith Crain of Rushmore Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumann of Coulterville and many other relatives and friends. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crain of East St. Louis, former residents of Swanwick.

In October 1960 - Keith Crain's parents entertained in honor of his birthday while he was visiting there.

In March 1962 Keith Crain received his separation papers from the U. S. Air Force at Lincoln, Nebraska after having been stationed in Korea. He later visited relatives in Coulterville, Swanwick and his parents in East Saint Louis.

SECTION VII

JOHN L. BENSON

Children of Elvira Marie (Tilden) and J. Rice Benson¹, Continued.

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John L. Benson (1).

Born: 1843 near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois.

Died: Died in California, probably sometime after 1875 or 1877.

Married: Mrs. Mary F. Campbell on 14 February 1867 in Randolph County. James W. McMillian, Justice of the Peace performed the ceremony. The information was found in the Marriage Record Book for 1859-1867. It was license number 448. The material was sent by Mrs. Anna McIntyre and Mrs. Frances Coulter.

Children: (3) Walter; Ella; and Josephine Benson.

John L. Benson probably had some elementary education at home before his mother died. It was not known how much other schooling he obtained, nor was it known by whom he was raised.

It was believe he farmed in Randolph County when he was older. He married a widow, Mrs. Mary F. Campbell. Her maiden name was not learned and it was not known if she had children by her first marriage.

Mr. Benson probably moved to California after 1875 or 1877 as Wallace Benson⁵¹ wrote that he remembers his father, L. Alonzo Benson¹⁴, telling of Lewis Benson⁵ visiting a brother John⁷ and a sister Harriet⁸, in California about that time.

An effort was made to locate something about John Benson in the California records in the Oakland, California library but there were so many "John Bensons" and their ages were so similar that it was impossible to identify the right one.

The United States Census for Illinois, 1850, listed John L. Benson as a son of J. Rice Benson and his age was given as seven years when the census was taken.

Children of Mary F. (Campbell) and John L. Benson⁷.

36ⁱ Walter Benson (7, 1).

Born: Probably in Randolph County, Illinois

Died: After April 1962

Married:

Children: (3) Their names were not learned.

Walter Benson visited Helen (Benson) Blair⁴⁶ and her brother Walter E. Benson⁴⁹ at their home south of Sparta in about April 1962.

37ⁱⁱ Ella Benson (7, 1).

Born: Probably in Randolph County, Illinois about 1873 or 1875.

Died: Ella Benson was a widow in 1938 or 1939 and lived in Santa Ana, California.

Married: Husband's name was not known. They were married in California.

Children: It was not known if there were children.

Ella Benson was probably very young when she moved with her parents to California. She received her education in California.

In 1938 or shortly before, Ella Benson wrote to Dr. Samuel A. Benson¹⁶, asking him to help her establish her correct age in order that she could obtain a birth certificate. She had been born in Illinois and hoped to apply for a pension in California. When she and her husband were married he was younger by 8 or 10 years than Ella. Not wanting the difference to be known, Ella gave her age "as the same". In 1938 she was a widow and needed the pension. She was old enough by her right age to receive it, but not old enough by her marriage license. She was in poor health at the time she asked Dr. Samuel Benson's¹⁶ help.

As Charles E. Benson²⁰ wrote, "One's lies always catches up with one".

38ⁱⁱⁱ Josephine Benson (7, 1).

Born: Born either just before the parents left Randolph County, Illinois or just after they reached California. This would mean that she was born about 1875 or just after that date.

Living: Living in Oakland, Alameda County, California in 1941.

Married: Unmarried in 1941.

Josephine lived in and worked as a nurse in Oakland, Alameda County, California at least during the years of 1901, 1902 and 1903. The writers found her name listed in the City Directories for those years as a nurse at Fabiola Hospital, an institution no longer there. Charles Benson²⁰ wrote that Josephine was an anesthetist "and came to St. Louis, then worked in Cairo, Illinois, but she did not like Illinois so returned to California". The 1941 Oakland, California telephone directory listed a "Josephine Benson" but there was no way of knowing if she had been the particular Josephine of this outline. A check of Alameda County death records from 1932 to 26 August 1958 showed no record of Josephine Benson having passed away during that period. She could of course have moved out of the County.

SECTION VIII

Children of Elvira Maria (Tilden) and J. Rice Benson¹, Continued.

8^{vii} Harriet "Hattie" B. Benson¹

Born: _____ March 1850 on the Rice Benson¹ farm near Steeleville, Randolph County, Illinois. 1850 U.S. Census gives her age as 6 months.

Died: _____ It was believe that she died in Napa, California where she was known to have lived before 1895.

Married three times:

1st _____ an Illinois man. They were divorced.

2nd _____ They were divorced.

3rd _____ Wilhelm. The old record sent by Callie Mann gave her name as Harriet Wilhelm in 1929.

Again little was know of this Benson daughter. It would seem from letters of Charles Benson²⁰ and others that Harriet was only a small baby (6 months old according to the 1850 U.S. Cdnsus) when her mother, Elvira Tilden Benson died. Evidently her brother Christopher² tried to keep the family together for a short time. Whether she was cared for by her brothers and sisters or whether some relative took charge, was not known. One relative wrote that Harried "had little opportunity for an education, growing up as she did".

She evidently was married three times and divorced twice, once at least while she still lived in Illinois. She was believed to have married a man in Napa, California who owned a vineyard and a winery.

Charles Benson²⁰ wrote that "Harriet or 'Hattie', the youngest girl went West sometime in the early days---later she revisited Illinois. This was after her father⁵ had gotten his fall. It was she who persuaded him to go to California." Lewis Benson⁵ fell about 1895 or 1896 so it would have been after that date when she visited in Illinois according to the above letter.

PART III

RELATED FAMILIES

The information for this section of the history was compiled from several sources and with the help of a number of people. Again to those who so generously gave of their time and help, the writer wishes to extend her appreciation and gratitude.

The following are some of the sources from which material for this section was gathered. The material was compiled in one form rather than repeat the information.

Mrs. M. E. Spurgeon, Genealogist, Pinckneyville, Perry County Court House, Early Baptist History, and grave stone records; Charles E. Benson, letters about his wife and her family; Miss Lillie Hughes McIntyre, Hughes records; Mrs. Anna W. McIntyre, personal information of children of Daniel Benson, Court Records from Perry and Randolph County, the loan of family histories already published; Mrs. Rosalia McClure (Hughes) Finley, family records; Mrs. Frances E. Coulter for Court Records of Perry and Randolph County and in the Sparta Library, Ross family records; Mrs. Florence M. Baird, Mrs. Myrtle Mlotowski and Mrs. Elsie M. Cole for the loan of family records and for their help on Montgomery records; the volumes of the Family Genealogies of Randolph County, Illinois compiled by Mrs. Frank Torrens; The History of Monroe, Perry and Randolph Counties by McDonnough (1882); early census reports for Perry and Randolph Counties, Illinois and for Tennessee; United States Census reports; records on file in the General Services Administration in Washington D.C., National Archives; Randolph and Perry County Marriage Record books; Church records; articles from the Sparta News-Plaindealer; from records sent by the Uister-Scot Historical Society, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and from the use of genealogies, microfilms of records and various state records in both Denver, Colorado Public Library and the Later Day Saints Church Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Since many of those mentioned in the families that follow were born in Northern Ireland, a word of explanation might be useful in the names of places used in locating births, etc. For instance one finds a person born in "Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, Northern Ireland." Each word is needed if one is to locate a particular person, as the writer discovered. First the townland is needed. In this case Knockvallen, which is sometimes spelled "Knockvollon", just to make matters more confusing. Next the Parish is needed, in this case Derrykeighan. Third is the district which might be Dervock, Balleymoney, Liscannon, or Coloraine. Fourth is the county as County Antrim. Finally the country, Northern Ireland, one that is different from Ireland.

It will be noted that the numbering of individuals in the section on Related Families differs from that in the main body of the history. In this part the number "1" indicates the first known generation of that particular line, as 1. Lewis Benson. The figure 2 will represent the second generation and so on.

BENSON FAMILY

Brother and Sisters of J. Rice Benson1. Lewis Benson

Born 7 January 1812 probably in Tennessee. This date would place him as an older brother of J. Rice Benson. Died 3 January 1862 in Perry County, Illinois, at the age of 52 years. He was buried in the Baptist Gallum or Galum Cemetery. He married Rebecca Eaton in Perry County. The Rev. Robert Moore, a Baptist Minister preformed the ceremony on 25 January 1833. The Eatons and probably the Bensons were a part of the Baptist migration from Tennessee. Rebecca was born 1818 and died 1892 at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 23 days. She was buried in the Baptist Galum Cemetery near Pinckneyville, Illinois. In 1832, Lewis enlisted in the United States Army to fight the Sacs and Fox Indians. He was in Company "E" commanded by Captain Wm. Adair of the Mounted Volunteers of the Illinois Militia attached to the 3rd Regiment of the 3rd Brigade. In later years Lewis received Bounty Land for his service.

2. Robert S. Benson married Mary J. Freenan who died in Missouri.

3. Edward "Ed" Benson who married Ruth Hopkins 30 May 1898.

2. Daniel Benson

Born 1840. Listed as second child in father's will. Died 1908 and was probably buried in Ellis Grove cemetery. Married: Sarah Ann Cooper 13 March 1862. She was born 18 September 1842 and died 24 December 1926. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Randolph County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Eliza and Hugh Cooper who were both born in Kentucky.

3. Martin L. Benson. Born 3 October 1864. Died 17 April 1947. Married Ella S. Holmes 18 May 1897. She was born 1863 and died 1945. She was a sister of Jonathan and Justice Holmes of Sparta. Martin was a farmer. They had no family. One reference said he married a Miss Weir but it was the only such reference.

3. Alice J. Benson. Born 27 March 1867. Died 14 September 1940. Married 4 August 1897 to Samuel Marion Adams of Eden, Illinois. He died 24 September 1935.

4. Uldeen Adams who married William Headen. She died and left one child.

5. Mary Susan Headen

4. Genevieve Adams - unmarried. A cripple.

4. Vera Adams. Married William Headen after her sister's death.

3. Samuel Isaac Benson married Stella Morgan. Born 31 January 1878 and died 17 April 1928. Buried Old Gallum Cemetery.
4. Son Benson born and died 9 February 1866.
4. J. A. Benson
3. Jenny or Jane Benson. 26 August 1869. Died 21 March 1953. Married Frank Lee 1910. He was a blacksmith and a member of the United Presbyterian church. They had no family.
3. Ed Benson. Born 3 February 1872 and died 27 September 1947. Married by correspondence in 1911 to Lawrence V. Saunders. They lived in the south part of Sparta. The Sparta News-Plaindealer gave her name as "Mrs. Lawrence Benson", in 1962
4. Ruby Benson, a musician, was married 16 April 1949 in Northern Illinois to Ralph Maisenbacher, a teacher.
5. Richard Gene Maisenbacher born 22 January 1952.
4. Son died in childhood.
4. Stanley Benson born 1 October 1929. He studied for the ministry and became a Baptist minister. He was a cripple from birth. Was married and a minister in 1963.
3. Elizabeth Benson who married James Woodside, the son of James Woodside, Sr.
4. Mary Elizabeth Woodside who was born 22 November 1858 and died June 1948. She was buried at Nine Mile Cemetery, Perry County, Illinois. She married John S. Taylor.
5. James E. Taylor
5. Daughter Taylor who married W. L. Terry
5. Nora Taylor
5. J. A. Taylor
5. Tom S. Taylor
5. Daughter Taylor who married Joe Hill and lived in Tilden, Ill.
3. Nora Benson. Born 1875 and died 1962. Buried in cemetery at Ellis Grove, Illinois. Married 1 January 1896 at Chester, Illinois to Charles Edward Benson, a distant cousin. Divorced before May 1922.
4. James Middle name may have been Charles) Benson

4. Grace Benson who married D. W. Hughes. More on this family may be found under Charles Benson in the main body of the history.
5. Margery Hughes married September 1950
5. Roy Gene Hughes - died July 1929 at the age of 7 in an auto accident according to Mrs. Torrens but not by Charles Benson.
5. James Wilson Hughes.

2. Samuel Benson

Born 26 March 1842 near Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. Listed as 3rd child in father's will. Died 26 November 1926 and buried in the new part, south side of Gallum Cemetery, Pinckneyville. Married Sarah Margaret Huggins 20 April 1864. She was born 21 December 1844 and died 18 May 1916. Both were buried in Galum Cemetery, Perry County, Illinois. She was the daughter of John Huggins and Mrs. Mary A. V. Holeman.

3. Infant born and died 1866
3. Mary R. Benson born 5 May 1868 and died 27 February 1941. She was buried in Galum Cemetery, Perry County, Illinois.
3. Lewis J. Benson born 18 June 1870 and died 17 January 1905. Married Prudence Jane Clark 17 or 27 December 1896. She was the daughter of William and Matilda Mifflin Clark. They lived on a farm near Pinckneyville. Mrs. Benson later lived in town.
4. William S. Benson, born 16 March 1898. Married Mrs. Nell _____ in California
4. Margaret or Margarette Benson, born 30 September 1900
4. Roy R. Benson, born 15 July 1903 in St. Louis and married Hazel Esther
5. Donald Benson, born 1932
4. Ethel Benson, born 23 May 1904, married Clarence Johnson
5. William Roy Johnson
5. Geneva Ruth Johnson married Mr. Weise
3. Sarah Jane Benson, born 28 August 1873. Married August E. Leich 6 August 1902. He was born 19 June 1875 and died 6 June 1944. Buried Galum Cemetery. No children.

3. Albert D. Benson was born 20 September 1875 and died 1959. Married 28 December 1904 to Ida Ernest. She was born 15 April 1881. He farmed near Pinckneyville
4. Ione Benson was born 22 November 1907. She married Carl or Clark Beck on 20 June 1928. He was born 11 September 1901. She was a politician. He worked in the mine.
5. Margery Ann Beck was born 23 July 1933. She was a registered nurse.
5. Donald Beck was born 7 June 1938.
4. Olive Margaret Benson was born 11 September 1913 and died 22 May 1935. Buried Galum Cemetery in the new part.
4. Elvis Benson was born 22 March 1915 and married Helen Tanner
5. Sharon Lynn Benson was born January 1948.
5. Allen Duane Benson was born in 1950.
5. Vivian Benson was born 2 October 1953.
5. Daughter born 27 June 1955.
4. Albert Benson Jr. was married and living in 1963. He was a County Commissioner in 1960-1963.

2. Sally Benson

Born about 1846 in Perry County, Illinois. She died 18 March 1892 at the age of 56 years, 5 months and 18 days. Buried in Galum Cemetery, Pinckneyville. She was unmarried.

2. Mary Jane Benson

Born 18 November 1847 and died 1919. She married Hermon or Harmon White in 1868. They made their home in Greeley, Colorado.

3. Lottie White died 1908
3. Walter White died 1916. Married a Miss Boyd and had a son.
4. Walter Boyd White
3. Oliver White died 1925. Was married.
4. Earl White
4. William White
4. Irene White

2. John Benson who married Mary J. Boyd 8 February 1877. They lived in Missouri. Listed as last child in father's will.
3. Fanny Benson
3. Oliver Benson who died in Missouri.
3. Possible son Walter Benson who married and had children

The Baptist Galum or Gallum cemetery, 6 or 7 miles west of Pinckneyville, Illinois should not be confused with the Galum Presbyterian cemetery south of Pinckneyville.

1. Elizabeth Benson

Was married on 27 July 1831 to Charles Buxton. Rev. Eli Short, a minister of the United Baptist church preformed the ceremony in Perry County. It was believed that she was a sister of Rice Benson from dates and records.

1. Mary Benson

Was married on 27 December 1832 to Jefferson Doolin. Rev. Eli Short of the United Baptist Church preformed the ceremony.

2. Richard Doolin

One Richard Doolin was listed as buried in the J. Rice Benson cemetery near Steeleville and Blair, Randolph County, Illinois. Richard Doolin married Mrs. Julia Ann (White) McIntyre, a widow of Daniel McIntyre. She was born 26 June 1833 in New York and died 27 October 1925 in Sparta, Illinois. She had five children by her first husband. It was not known if there were other children.

Sally, William Elsey and James P. Doolin were listed as buried in the J. Rice Benson Cemetery. It was not known if they were children of Richard's or a sister and brothers. The last two were Civil War soldiers, so they were probably brothers of his.

ERVIN FAMILY

1. Thomas Ervin Sr.

Born near Ballemoney, County Antrim, North Ireland about 1792. He died 28 June 1855 at the age of 63 years near Cutler, Illinois. Married Mary _____ in North Ireland. She was born about 1792 and died 4 February 1944 at the age of 52 years in Cutler, Illinois. Children were: (6) Thomas Jr; Henry; Margaret; Sarah; James Kenneth; and Mary Ervin.

2. Henry "Hy" Ervin - second son of Thomas and Mary Ervin.

Born 8 August 1821 in County Antrim, North Ireland and died 1 May 1873 in Cutler, Illinois and was buried there. He married twice - 1st - Elizabeth Jane Hunter. 2nd - Martha L. Faris, daughter of Joshua Faris, born 15 June 1828 and died 10 August 1884 in Cutler, Illinois. Children (1) by the first wife. Two of the children of interest to the outline were Margaret Mary Ervin and Sarah Jane Ervin.

3. Margaret Mary Ervin - daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Jane (Hunter) Ervin. Date of birth and death not known. Married to Robert Clelland. Children: (10) The last child was a daughter, Jane Elizabeth born 24 April 1883 and who married Robert Henry McConachie 28 December 1910.3. Sarah Jane Ervin - daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Jane Ervin. Born 22 May 1853 near Cutler, Illinois and died 14 August 1883 and buried in Caledonia cemetery, Sparta. She was married to Samuel "Sam" McIntyre 6 March 1877. He was born 1846 in County Antrim, North Ireland and died 1 June 1924 near Sparta, Illinois. Burial was in Caledonia cemetery there. Children (4) William Neal; Samuel E.; Infant daughter dead at birth; and Robert Henry McIntyre.4. William Neal McIntyre - first sone of Samuel and Sarah Jane (Ervin) McIntyre.

Born 6 December 1879 near Sparta, Illinois and died 27 July 1947 near Sparta, Illinois. Married three times: First; Clara L. Been on 1 April 1906. She was born 23 January 1885 and died 10 December 1907 in child birth. Second; Bessie Jane Robinson on 31 July 1912. (See Benson outline for the rest of the family) Third; Mrs. Emma D. Turner on 19 August 1930. She survived Mr. McIntyre. Children (2) by the first wife; Carl Russell who was born 1 January 1907 and died 19 January 1921 and a baby who was born dead when the mother died on 10 December 1907. The two were buried together. Four by second wife; Evelyn Jane; Everette Earl; Raymond Richard; and Florence Mae McIntyre. (see Benson outline, also McIntyre outline)

Brothers of Wm. Neal McIntyre

4. Samuel E. McIntyre born 8 February 1882 and died 12 April 1893 near Sparta, Illinois.

4. An infant daughter who was born and died 14 August 1883.

4. Robert Henry "Hy" McIntyre - fourth child of Samuel and Sarah Jane (Ervin) McIntyre was born 24 September ~~1887~~ and married Mary Catherine McConachie on 25 December 1906. She was born 5 July 1880. Both were living July 1962. Seven children were born to this couple as follows:

* 1878.

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5. Wilmer Ervin born 19 May 1908, married Leona T. McKee 24 December 1931. Died about 1961.
5. Infant daughter born 2 November 1909, died.
5. Ruth Marie born 29 November 1911, married 23 April 1951 to Robert Harvey Pillars, living 1963. Three children.
5. Erma born 27 May 1913, married Cletus F. Bartram 27 August 1937, living 1963. Three children.
5. Vernon Stanley born 11 April 1916, married Roberta Marie Lively 12 October 1939, living 1963. Five children, two sets twins.
5. Francis Henry born 8 August 1918, married Mae R. Starnes 30 March 1940, living 1963. Three children.
5. Fern Mary born 3 January 1922, married Louis Henry Schlimme 24 December 1941, living 1963. Two or three children.

FULLERTON FAMILY

Only a brief outline of the Fullerton family as it effects the members of the Benson lines was given here. A more complete history of the family could be secured from members of the line or from the information compiled by a committee of the Fullertons.

1. William Fullerton

Born between 1760 and 1765 near Ballemoney, County Antrim North Ireland. He died in County Antrim, North Ireland. Married to Eliza Wilson who was born 1765 and died 1836 near Ballemoney, County Antrim, North Ireland. Children - At least two sons, Daniel and Edward and three daughters, one who married Alex McAyeal. Edward was known to have remained in County Antrim where he married and raised a family.

2. Daniel Fullerton.- Son of William and Eliza (Wilson) Fullerton

Born in 1803 near Ballemoney, County Antrim, North Ireland and died near Swanwick, Perry County, Illinois and was buried there. He married Rose Ann Cooper 1 March 1827 near Ballemoney, County Antrim. They immigrated to America in 1844 with their nine children, landing at New Orleans, Louisiana. They travelled up the Mississippi River by boat and landed at Chester, Illinois. The family settled first in the Coulterville area, then Cutler. Children (12) Nine children were born in County Antrim and three in Illinois. They are as follows:

- a. William - born 21 December 1827, County Antrim. Unmarried
died 30 December 1894
- b. James - born 25 July 1829 - Married Mary Douglas
died 1 March 1900, in Illinois - 12 children born
- c. Daniel - born 6 April 1831 - Married Margaret Gamble
died 22 February 1915 - 8 children
- d. John - born 2 July 1833 - Married - 1st Mary Brown, 2nd Margaret
died 25 December 1920 Fullon - No children
- e. Eliza - born 27 November 1834 - Married William Allen
died 28 September 1912 14 children
- f. Edward - born 6 January 1837 - Married Catherine Robb
died 9 January 1914 - 3 children
- g. Thomas - born 28 January 1839 - Married Margaret Ann Dunlop
died 1927, when 88 years - 5 children
- h. Wilson - born 14 November 1841 - Married Jane Ross
died 16 June 1910 11 children
- i. Moore - born 16 June 1844 Unmarried
died 11 August 1866

- j. Infant daughter born about 1846 or 47 in Illinois - died in infancy
- k. David Taggart - Born 10 February 1849 in Perry County Illinois
Died 24 Oct. 1930 - Married Emma Harmon
8 children
- l. Alexander - Born 2 November 1851, Perry County - Married
Elizabeth M. Short - Died 28 May 1934 - 5 children

The family of Daniel and Rose Ann (Cooper) Fullerton attended church first at Eden, Randolph County, Illinois but later helped to organize the Swanwick Associated Reform Presbyterian Church. This church joined the United Presbyterian Church at Swanwick in 1858. Of the above 12 children, the lines of three, James, Thomas and Wilson are of interest to the Benson history and are included here.

3. James Fullerton - second child of Daniel and Rose Ann (Cooper) Fullerton

Born 25 July 1829 in County Antrim, North Ireland, died 1 March 1900 near Swanwick, Perry County, Illinois and buried in the Swanwick cemetery. Married to Mary Douglas on 14 April 1859. She died and was buried in Swanwick, Illinois. Children (12) Daniel Cooper; Mary B; Elizabeth D; James M; Samuel D; John (died early); Alexander C; Isabella J. H.; John; Rachel E; Albert E.; and Howard C. Fullerton.
4. Isabella J. H. Fullerton - eighth child of James and Mary (Douglas) Fullerton

Born 15 April 1876 in Illinois and date of death not known. Married to William Wilson on 27 August 1902. Children (5) Anna Rachel; Mary Florence; who married Willard Finley and Minnie E. who married Floyd Finley. Nothing was given of other two children.
5. Anna Rachel Wilson - first child of Isabella (Fullerton) and William Wilson.

Born 4 October 1904 in Illinois. Living at Tilden, Illinois in 1963 and teaching school in Granite City, Illinois. Married to Lester Brown McIntyre on 26 December 1939. Children (2) John Ralph and Martha Elizabeth McIntyre.
3. Thomas Fullerton - seventh child of Daniel and Rose Ann (Cooper) Fullerton

Born 28 January 1839 in County Antrim, North Ireland. Died 1927 near Coulterville, Illinois where he lived. Burial at Swanwick cemetery. Married to Margaret Ann Dunlop on 5 March 1863. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1913. She died at Coulterville. Both were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Children (5) Eliza Jane; David Cooper; Infant son; Margaret Ann; and Luvena Mae Fullerton.
4. David Cooper Fullerton - second son of Thomas and Margaret Ann (Dunlop) Fullerton.

Born 15 January 1867 near Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois. Date of death was not given. Married to Rebecca McIntyre on 6 December 1906. Children (3) David John Taggart; Thomas Jackson; and Harry Robert Fullerton.

5. David John Fullerton - first son of David Cooper and Rebecca (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 15 March 1908 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living near Coulterville in 1963 and teaching in Sparta Township High School. Married to Hope Stevenson on 29 July 1947. No children.

5. Thomas Jackson Fullerton - second son of David Cooper and Rebecca (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 13 August 1910 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living near Coulterville in 1963. Unmarried.

5. Harry Robert Fullerton - third son of David Cooper and Rebecca (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 15 June 1913 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living near Coulterville, Illinois 15 June 1963. Unmarried

3. Wilson Fullerton - eighth child of Daniel and Rose Ann (Cooper) Fullerton.

Born 14 November 1841 in County Antrim, North Ireland. Died 16 June 1910 in Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas and was buried there. Married Jane Ross (see Ross outline) March 1867. She also died and was buried in Eskridge, Kansas. Children (11) John C.; William McAllister; Anna R.; Alexander M.; Mary E.; Martha L.; Thomas R.; Jane M.; Nancy Ethel; Ed W.; and Edith C. Fullerton. Only the lines of John C. and Wm. McAllister are followed here.

4. John C. Fullerton - first child of Wilson and Jane Ross Fullerton.

Born 29 March 1868. Died February 1957. Married Nancy Smith on 29 August 1895. She died 15 August 1940. Children (2) May J. who married Herman Bierman on 26 February 1921 and had four children; and Luella C. Fullerton.

5. Luella C. Fullerton - second child of John C. and Nancy (Smith) Fullerton

Born 4 December 1906. Living with her family near Sparta in 1963. Married Walter Rowland Howie on 25 November 1928. Children (4) James Dale; Walter Robert; William Joe (or Joseph); and Marjorie Juanita Howie. (See Benson-Howie outline for more on this family)

4. William McAllister Fullerton - second child of Wilson and Jane (Ross) Fullerton.

Born 1 February 1870 in Illinois. Died 17 February 1943 at 5:00 p.m. in Randolph County, Illinois. Married to Margaret McIntyre on 23 May 1899 (see McIntyre line). Children (3) Lester; Willard W.; and Howard Fullerton.

5. Lester Fullerton - first child of William and Margaret (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 11 September 1900. Living in Coulterville, Illinois with his wife in 1963. Married to Flossie Stewart on 18 April 1923. She was a sister of Rev. R. W. Stewart of Sparta, Illinois. Children (2) Eileen Marie who married George Hall and had 3 children and Lester Eugene Fullerton.

6. Lester Eugene "Gene" Fullerton - second child of Lester and Flossie (Stewart) Fullerton.

Born 29 December 1935 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living with his wife and family near Coulterville in 1963. Married Pauline Howie on 24 August 1957 (see Benson-Howie line). Children (1) Janice Pauline Fullerton.

5. Willard W. Fullerton - second child of William M. and Margaret (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 26 August 1908 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living in 1963 with his wife in Sparta, Illinois where he practiced medicine. Married Ethel Kieffer on 23 March 1936. Children (4) Monte William who married Helen Culkins; Sue Margaret who married Robert Eiler; Jane Velma; and Joyce Kathryn Fullerton.

5. Howard Fullerton - third child of William M. and Margaret (McIntyre) Fullerton.

Born 5 September 1910 near Coulterville, Illinois. Living in 1963. Married Jeannette Heinbaugh on 25 June 1937. Children (4) Howard N.; William Ross; John Daniel; and Jeannette Fullerton.

HUGHES FAMILY

1. John Hughes

No dates known for birth or death. He lived for a time in Vermont with his first wife (name not known), then moved to Tennessee. First wife died before 1837. Mr. Hughes married secondly before 1837 and had other children. John Hughes and his first wife were of strict Puritan faith.

2. John Milton Hughes

Born 10 August 1810 in Tennessee although he gave his birth place as Alabama when the 1850 U.S. Census was taken; died 22 February 1886 near Sparta or Eden, Randolph County, Illinois; parents wanted him to become a minister but on way to New York to study, he joined a group of young men on their way to serve in the Black Hawk War; he served under Capt. Gordon and on his advice went to Randolph County, Illinois to select land given soldiers at end of their service; chose land near Eden, Illinois; recorded under name of "John S. Hughs"; met Eliza McClure at a dance for returning soldiers; married her on 18 November 1837, Rev. Samuel Wylie of Reformed Presbyterian Church preformed ceremony; did not return to Tennessee as his mother had died and his father had married again. Children, (10) all born at the Hughes home near Eden, Illinois.

3. Martha Jane, first child of Eliza and John Hughes. Born 10 September 1838; died 15 January 1839; burial in Hughes family cemetery on farm.
3. James A., second child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 15 March 1840; died 23 August 1847; buried at Hughes family cemetery.
3. Jane N., third child Eliza and John Hughes; born 25 November 1841; died November 1920; married John McCaughan.
3. Martha Ross, fourth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 14 July 1843; died at the home of her sister Mary H. McIntyre 31 October 1913 in Sparta, Illinois; buried in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta; married Lewis Alonzo Benson Sr.; (10) children born but only six boys lived. (see J. Rice Benson outline)
3. Sarah Agnes, fifth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 16 July 1845; died 3 January 1910 in Randolph County, Illinois; married first, James Ennis; one child; married secondly, Samuel Baird, his second wife; no children.
3. Mary Eliza, sixth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 3 April 1847; died 9 February 1921 in Sparta, Illinois; married James McIntyre 4 November 1880, his second wife; he was born 16 March 1833 in Knockavallon, Derykeighan Parish, Balleymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, died 1909 near Sparta, Illinois, married first Martha Graham and had nine children. Three children by second wife. (See McIntyre outline)
4. Sophia Wylie, first child of Mary Eliza and James McIntyre; born 17 September 1881 near Sparta; died 24 September 1961 at Sparta; retired registered nurse; unmarried.

4. Lillie Hughes, second child of Mary Eliza and James McIntyre; born 18 January 1883 near Sparta; living in Sparta April 1963; unmarried. Retired dressmaker.
4. Robert Henry, third child of Mary Eliza and James Hughes; born 23 July 1889 near Sparta; living April 1963. Married Flossie Finley 17 March 1909; seven children.
3. John Milton, seventh child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 3 February 1849; died 20 September 1891; was married.
3. Henry T., eighth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 10 September 1852; died 16 August 1921 near Cutler, Illinois; married Margaret Jane McIntyre 10 April 1882 (recorded on 18 April 1882); Rev. W. J. Smiley of Reformed Presbyterian Church, performed ceremony. Margaret was born 23 October 1863, the daughter of James McIntyre and his first wife, Martha C. Graham. Martha Graham was born 25 February 1833 in Northern Ireland and died in Sparta, Illinois 25 June 1879. Margaret McIntyre died 9 December 1935; five children. (See McIntyre outline) The "T" was for Theophilus.
4. James Philbert, first child of Margaret and Henry T. Hughes; born 25 April 1883; died 9 January 1887 Randolph County.
4. Alice, second child of Margaret and Henry T. Hughes; born 20 June 1884; married Marcus Richmond on 20 October 1905; two children.
4. Rosalia McClure, third child of Margaret and Henry T. Hughes; born 17 June 1885 in Randolph County; living April 1963; married Robert Oliver Finely Sr.; two sons, Elbert Clifford and Robert Oliver Jr.
4. Florence, fourth child of Margaret and Henry T. Hughes; born 4 December 1884 near Sparta, Illinois; died 26 March 1937 Denver, Colorado, burial in Fairmont Cemetery Denver; married Castle Edwards; one child, Gwendolyn Florence Edwards.
4. Edith, fifth child of Margaret and Henry T. Hughes; born 6 March 1892; died 21 October 1932; married James Floyd Wilson 30 July 1925; two daughters.
3. William E., ninth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 30 May 1856; died 15 September 1880.
3. Lucetta "Cetta" E., tenth child of Eliza and John Hughes; born 24 September 1859; died 6 May 1928; unmarried.

The parents of Jane "Jennie" Elizabeth Magonigle, wife of Alonzo Benson, were:

Patrick Magonigle: Born: December 1837 in County Ulster, Ireland

Married: Jane O'Connor May 7, 1868 at Kingstown, Ireland

Died: 1 November, 1909 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jane O'Connor Born: 23 December 1838 in County Wicklow, Ireland

Died: 14 December 1904 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Children of Jane (O'Connor) and Patrick Magonigle:

William Bently Magonigle, born 1869

Jane Elizabeth Magonigle, born 1870

Mariah Magonigle, born 1871

Robert Magonigle, born 1872

Margaret Ferguson Magonigle, born 1873

Arthur Henry Magonigle, born 1875

Lewis Patrick Magonigle, born 1876

Charles Edward Magonigle, born 1878

"Ferguson" (Margaret's middle name) was the maiden name of Jane O'Connor's mother.

The Magonigles came to America soon after their marriage, locating in Philadelphia where all their children were born. They went through a seige of diptheria and in a short time lost three of their children: William, Mariah and Robbie.

Patrick Magonigle was a proud and efficient coachman for a wealthy family by the name of Woods for many, many years. He thought very little of the invention of the automobile, but at the time that it would have effected his work, his family of children were all grown and self-supporting. By the advent of the auto made him retire earlier, perhaps, than he would have.

Jane Elizabeth, at the age of 15 had completed grammar school and had had a course in stenography. Her work in both schools had been exceptional, but her appearance of youth went against her in her search for work until she was advised to put up her hair and get clothes that would make her look more mature. She finally was employed by a secretarial service and soon had quite a reputation for speed and efficiency. Later she worked in the office of the Pencoyd (?) Iron Works which is a branch of U. S. Steel. She was with them most of the years she worked. Her salary was all turned over to her mother until she was 21 years of age. After that she bought herself a piano and took lessons. Her legal signature was always "Jennie E." although she was baptized "Jane Elizabeth" after he mother. She was called "Jennie".

MC ALLISTER FAMILY

1. Alexander McAllister who married and lived in Knockvallen townland, Derrykeighan parish and probably Dervock district, in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. According to information loaned by Mrs. Frances Coulter and from the Comac notes sent by I. Embleton, secretary of the Ulster-Scot Historical Society in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The couple had at least five children, Alexander Jr., James, Archie, John and Mary McAllister.
2. Alexander McAllister Jr. married Nancy Neil who was the daughter of James and Nancy (Taggart)? Neil. They had eleven children, Mary Jane, Samuel, Jennie, James, Elizabeth, Alexander III, Nancy, John, Margaret, Archie and William McAllister.
3. Mary Jane McAllister was born in 1821 in Knockvallen, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. She married William Ross, son of Jane (Bolye) and James Ross. They had nine children, Alexander, Jane, Nancy, James, Mary, Elizabeth, Martha, Rebecca, and William John Ross. (See Ross family for more information)

MC CLURE FAMILY

Little definite information of the early McClures was obtained. The material for Dr. and Mrs. James McClure given here was a summary of statements from various members and it was material they "believed" was true. There were McClure men and women in Randolph County in the late 1800's but it was not possible to establish proof of relationship. One man, a former mayor of Sparta gave biographers his grandfather's name as John McClure, who was born in Ireland, immigrated to South Carolina and died there." Unfortunately he did not list other relatives.

1. Martha Ross. (It was believe that her name was "Martha Ross" as her granddaughter was named "Martha Ross" for her). She was born in Londonderry, County Derry, Ireland and married twice, first probably a Mr. Pelton and they had at least one child; married second Dr. James McClure who was also born in Londonderry, Ireland. They immigrated to South Carolina about 1818 or 1820 where he died. There were several children. Mrs. McClure moved her family to Southern Illinois by covered wagon because of increased tension over slavery and settled near Cutler.
2. Eliza (or Elizabeth as given on her marriage record) McClure. Born 22 December 1813 in Londonderry, County Derry, Ireland and died 31 July 1892 in Randolph County, Illinois, near Sparta. She came to America with her parents about 1818 or 1820. (She gave South Carolina as her birth place for 1850 U. S. Census, probably because she had lived there as a child) She married John M. Hughes and later taught her children at home. (see Hughes outline for more).

MC CONACHIE FAMILIES

McConachie is an old Scottish name and was used by members of a sept of the Clan Campbell and by the Clan Donachie. There are various other spellings of the name - Macconachie, Macconachy, Macconchy, Macconeche, Macconechy, Macconkey, Maconnachie, Macconoughey, MacKonachie, Maconechy and MacDhonnachie-to name some.

The MaConachies of interest to this outline were said to have been "Campbells in Scotland before they fled to North Ireland," and settled near Ballymoney in County Antrim. On reaching North Ireland they changed their name from Campbell to MaConachie according to older members of the family living in Illinois. That it was a very large family was indicated by Hanna, Scotch-Irish Families. In 1890 there were 256 families of McConachies in County Antrim. Since surnames of members were handed down to their children, the tracing of a particular family was made very difficult.

Several different McConachies came to America and settled in the Sparta, Illinois area. Some were known to be related and others may have been cousins. One member was Margaret McConachie who was born about 1805 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighen, Balleymoney, County Antrim, North Ireland. She was the daughter of Martha (Steele) and John McConachie. She was a sister of Jane McConachie. In about 1830 Margaret married Neal McIntyre (see McIntyre outline). Some ten (or eleven) children were born to this couple, all born in the Balley-money area. After the children were grown and most were married and had immigrated to America, Margaret (McConachie) and her husband Neal McIntyre also immigrated to America. They to, settled near Sparta Illinois, some time after 1867. Margaret died near Sparta 2 July 1894 and was buried there. They were of the Covenantor faith. (See McIntyre)

1. William H. or A. McConachie was another member of the McConachie family who later immigrated to America. He was born 14 February 1854 in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He married Nancy McLaughlum who was born in County Antrim 12 November 1860. They came to America and settled near Sparta, Illinois sometime before 1880 as their first child was born in Sparta in 1880. Samuel Smiley McIntyre, a son-in-law told the writer that he once heard his father-in-law say that he had an Aunt Margaret McConachie who was born in County Antrim. It was his impression that the Aunt Margaret was his own ancestor who married Neal McIntyre.

Nancy (McLoughlum) and William H. or A. McConachie had twelve children. They were:

2. Mary McConachie, born 15 July 1880 in Sparta, Illinois and married Henry McIntyre 25 December 1906 in Sparta. They had six children. She was living in 1963.
2. John McConachie, date of birth not known. Died 11 January 1916 in Sparta. He married Elizabeth (Huey) who died in January 1923. She was probably the daughter of Jane (Brown) and James S. Huey. (See Ross).

2. Rose Etta McConachie, born 24 August 1884 in Sparta and died in 19___ there. Married Samuel Smiley McIntyre in May 1906. One child, Harvey Smiley McIntyre. Samuel McIntyre was a brother of Margaret, who married Joseph Rice Benson.
2. Hugh McConachie who married Bertha Beattie in September 1911. She was a sister of Pearl Beattie who married Dr. Samuel A. Benson.
2. Sidney McConachie who was born 12 July ___ and married Mary McMillan on 30 December 1919. She was born 1 January 1897.
2. Samuel McConachie who married Eva Beattie September 1912. She was born 5 October 1892 and was a sister of Pearl and Bertha Beattie.
2. William McConachie born 17 May 1892 or 3, died 1960. He married Ruby Hermes.
2. Lillie McConachie born 2 January 1897 and married William Ross 12 January 1923.
2. Nannie (probably Nancy) McConachie married Phillip Wiggand.
2. Roy McConachie born 10 October 1899 and married Hazel Johnson.
2. Frank McConachie married Arlene Johnson
2. Harvey McConachie who died when about eight months old.

Another McConachie line from County Antrim to immigrate to America and settle in the Sparta, Illinois area was the following:

1. David McConachie who was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died there at the age of 108 years. He married and had several children, none of whom was David II.

2. David McConachie II was born in County Antrim in 1800 and died in Sparta, Illinois in 1885. He married twice. His first wife was Violet Hunter who was born in 1816 in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. She was one of six children born to parents who lived and died in County Antrim. Eleven children were born to Violet and David McConachie. They were John H., David III, Violet H., Robert C., Eliza Jane, William A., Jennie, Alexander, Ann, Thomas, and James McConachie. David married secondly Mrs. Elizabeth Holiday in 1881. No children were given. This family immigrated to America in 1848, landing at New Orleans. They then made their way up the Mississippi River to Chester, Illinois and later to a farm five miles south of Sparta. They were members of the Covenanters Church.

3. David III was born 11 February 1834 in County Antrim, immigrated to America in 1848. He married Eliza Foster 22 April 1862. She was the daughter of A. P. and Mary (Crawford) Foster, members of the United Presbyterian Church. Her grandparents were James and Ann (Morrow) Foster.

The McConachies (and the Fosters) had good educations as did their three children. Lauros graduated from Knox College, attended Pennsylvania University and taught at Rugby. The two other children were William E. and Mary V. McConachie

Another David McConachie line was of interest to the Benson line as well as the McIntyre line is that of:

1. David McConachie who was born in County Antrim, Ireland. He lived to be 94 years of age in County Antrim and died there. He married Jennie Chestnut who was also of County Antrim. She was the daughter of Samuel and Anna (Leitrem) Chestnut. The former was an officer in the British Army and the latter was the daughter of the Earl of Leitrena. Both parents were of Scottish Ancestry.

This McConachie family lived all their lives in County Antrim where their Scotch ancestors on each side had fled from Scotland because of religious persecution, settling in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. They were members of the Scotch Seceder Church. Among the children of David and Jennie (Chestnut) McConachie, was a son, Robert McConachie.

2. Robert McConachie was born in 1810 in County Antrim. He died 1879 in Randolph County, Illinois. He married Jane McConachie in 1830. She was the daughter of Martha (Steele) and John McConachie of County Antrim and a sister of Margaret (McConachie) McIntyre. Among their children were: John, Jane, Robert (who died), David and William McConachie. Robert McConachie came to America in 1858 with his family and settled in Randolph County, Illinois, where he was a farmer and a stone mason. He was a member of the Republican party and of the Covenanter Church. He served as a deacon in his church.
3. David McConachie was born November 1838 (or 1837) in County Antrim. He died 29 January 1916 in Sparta, Illinois and is buried there. He married Lucinda Steele in 1873. She was the daughter of Nancy (Morrison) of Illinois and Rilen Steele of County Antrim, Northern Ireland. She died in Sparta in 1950 and is buried there. Children (4) Robert Henry, Emma Bel, David Rilen and Nancy Jane McConachie

This David McConachie (Portrait and Biographical Record, p. 365) came to America in 1858 when he was 21. He settled first in New York where he farmed, then moved on to Randolph County, Illinois the next spring, joining his parents there. He stayed with them until 1873 when he married. In 1861 he purchased 80 acres of land which he still owned in 1894.

In 1863, David enlisted in the Union Army, Co. K., 42nd Illinois Infantry. He served 100 days but re-enlisted in Co. K., 5th Illinois Cavalry and continued in the service until the close of the war. He received an honorable discharge and returned home 1865. He took part in the Meridian Campaign.

Of this David McConachie family, the Portrait and Biographical Record said: "The family was one of prominence in the Community and its members held enviable positions in social circles". (p. 365). David added to his land holdings so that he held 240 acres. He was a Republican, served 12 years as School Director, four terms as Township Trustee, School Trustee, was a member of the G.A.R. and the United Presbyterian Church.

According to grandchildren, this David McConachie was probably a nephew of the Margaret McConachie who married Neal McIntyre. Children (4) of David and Lucinda (Steele) McConachie.

4. Robert Henry McConachie who was born about 1874 and who married Jennie Clelland 27 December 1910. She was a niece of Nettie, Martha, Jane Ervin and Anna Gilmore. Mrs. Robert McConachie was a member of the 20th Century Club.
4. Emma Bel (or Belle) McConachie was born 1876 in Sparta, Illinois and died there 3 August 1927. She was married twice. 1st - Daniel McIntyre (See McIntyre) They had one child - Lucinda "Lula" C. McIntyre who married David Ralph Benson. (See Benson) 2nd - Edward Gaston and they had one child - Steele Gaston.
4. David Rilen McConachie who was born about 1878 and married Fleta Wright. Rilen and a son had the Hartford Insurance Agency in Sparta in 1929 according to their ad in the Sparta News-Plaindealer of that date. In 1960 he was re-elected President of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Sparta. Several children were born to this couple.
4. Nancy Jane McConachie who was born 12 November 1840 and she married Roy McMillian. Both Nancy and Roy were teachers and both were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

MC INTYRE FAMILY

The following outline of the McIntyre family is a very condensed one for it is a large family with many descendants. The family is one that had its early beginnings in Scotland. In the 1400's and the 1700's members fled religious persecution in Scotland and settled in North Ireland, largely in County Antrim. From there later generations immigrated to America, Canada, or other countries.

Miss Sophia McIntyre told Mrs. Torrens that the McIntyres of which she was a descendant came originally from Isle of Roses in Scotland. Margaret McIntyre Benson also mentioned her father referring to his family having lived at such a place. The Ulster-Scot reference places the family as coming from Argyle or the Isles. They were from the Highlands of Scotland at any rate. Miss McIntyre also told Mrs. Torrens that early in the Clan's history, a member married a Spainard "which accounted for the jet black hair of the descendants." The writer has found few McIntyre descendants with jet black hair. Rather the members usually have red to reddish brown hair, sometimes dark brown, but still with the reddish cast. References usually mention the fact that McIntyres from the Highlands are noted for their red or reddish brown hair.

The name McIntyre means "son of a carpenter" and has a number of different spellings - Mac-an-isair, Mac-Cinteire - Dhegnish, Macintyre, Macintire, Mc Inyre, and Mc Intire. One group of the Scottish McIntyres was a member of the McIntyre clan, one was a cept of the Clan Campbell and one was affiliated with the McDonald Clans.

The McIntyres of interest to this outline were descendants of Neal McIntyre and it is that line that will be followed.

1. Neal McIntiar, born about 1700 and lived in County Antrim, N. Ireland. He married and had at least one son based on material sent by I. Embleton.
2. Neal McIntyre or McIntire, it was spelled both ways; born between 1740 and 1750; lived, married and raised a family in County Antrim; he died there. Among his children was another Neal.
3. Neal McIntyre born about 1770 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Ballemoney, Northern Ireland. It will be noted that from this Neal on, the name of this line will be spelled "McIntyre". He married, raised a family and died in County Antrim. According to the Camac notes (Ref. T., 1177 P.R.O., N.I.) sent the writer by I. Embleton, secretary of the Ulster-Scot Historical Society in Belfast, N. Ireland.

"Robert Rowan of Carrickfergus in 1791 leased to Neal McIntier in the Parish of Ramon, a farm in Knockvallen recently possessed by the late Robert Pierson at the yearly rental of £ 5 with 6 d in £ receivers fees, 3 fat hens and 2 days work of men and horses or 5 shillings and 6 d. lieu there of." The lease was for "the term of the lives of George, Prince of Wales, Neal McIntyre, aged 20 and John McConnell age about 10 years, son of Daniel O'Connell of Cranboar".

4. Neal McIntyre was born about 1800 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Balleymoney, County Antrim, N. Ireland and died 20 September 1870 in Illinois; married Margaret McConachie in County Antrim about 1830. She was born about 1805 in County Antrim, the daughter of Martha (Steele) and John McConachie and a sister of Jane; she died 2 July 1894 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. This family had some eleven children who were born in County Antrim, most of whom married there, then immigrated to America, settling near Eden and Sparta, Illinois. After all their children had settled in America, Neal and Margaret McIntyre decided to join them near Sparta, in Randolph County, Illinois. Both died in Sparta. Their birth dates of their eleven children vary among the descendants. Using family dates, grave stone dates and those given by Mrs. Torrens, the following seems to be a near accurate listing: John; Nancy; Neal; James; Daniel; Robert Alexander; David; William; Margaret Jane and Samuel McIntyre.
5. John McIntyre was born in County Antrim; one of the first of the children of Neal and Margaret to come to America. Margaret(McIntyre) Benson Hurst said that John stopped in Philadelphia, obtained work there and decided to remain. The family lost track of him. The information was given Margaret by her father, a brother of John. Mrs. Torrens lists John as going first to Sparta where he remained only a short time before he moved on to California in search of gold. From there he was lost to the family. Lillie McIntyre confirmed that John went to California. John was a twin of Nancy.
5. Nancy, daughter of Margaret and Neal McIntyre, was born in County Antrim in 1831 according to her gravestone and died 28 April 1901 near Sparta, Illinois; burial was in the Caledonia Cemetery. Married Samuel Baird 1857. He was born 1833 and died 26 Nov. 1871 in Sparta. Children 3 sons who died and a daughter Margaret Jane Baird. Nancy was a twin of John McIntyre.
6. Margaret Jane Baird was born 12 August 1869 and died 3 November 1913; married Joseph Montgomery; three children were born. (See Montgomery and Benson-William John)
5. Neal McIntyre was born 10 October 1832 in Knockavallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Balleymoney, County Antrim, N. Ireland and died 18 December 1921 at Galgorm Parks, County Antrim. He was one of the first of the family to come to America. He settled near Sparta, cleared land and established a farm which is still in the possession of descendants in 1963. Neal served in the War between the states on the Union side. He lost a leg in combat and returned to his farm. Later he sold the farm to brothers and returned to N. Ireland. He visited in Sparta several times and some of his brothers visited him in N. Ireland. Neal amassed a considerable estate of bonds and securities. At the time of his death, housekeeper produced a will of later date than one in the bank box in a Saint Louis bank, which made her his heir. Law-suits followed, in Sparta, Saint Louis and Belfast, N. Ireland. Except for a package of bonds said to have been given his brother Samuel on his last visit to Sparta. Neal's estate after lawyer's expenses went to the housekeeper. He was unmarried.
5. James, fourth child of Margaret and Neal McIntyre was born 16 March 1833 in County Antrim, N. Ireland and died 30 January 1909 near Sparta, Illinois; buried in Caledonia cemetery, Sparta; married twice, 1st, Martha C. Graham about 1855 in County Antrim. The couple came to America soon after their marriage and stopped for a time in Troy, near New York City. There James

found work as coachman for a wealthy family. He was said to have a special way with horses. When the McIntyres decided to move on to Sparta, the family gave him his livery coat. Later he was to amuse his children and grandchildren by wearing the coat and telling them tales of his work. Martha C. Graham was born 25 February 1833 in County, Antrim and died near Sparta, Illinois 25 June 1879.

James McIntyre married second Mary Eliza Hughes on 4 November 1880. She was born 3 April 1847 and died 9 February 1921. (See Hughes) Twelve children were born to James McIntyre, nine by his first wife; John, Alexander, (a variance of spelling), ^{Neil} Daniel, Margaret Jane, James C., William John, Mary Agnes, Martha and Martin Steele. Children by the second wife were Sophia Wylie; Lillie Hughes and Robert Henry McIntyre.

6. John, son James and Martha McIntyre born in New York (?) and died about 1859. It was believed he was two years old.
6. Alexander born 7 February 1858 in Randolph County, Illinois and died at Pinckneyville Hospital 6 October 1928; buried Cutler cemetery; married Martha Lowden Ervin 7 December 1882; five children born.
6. Neil Daniel, third child of James and Martha McIntyre, born 7 October 1861 in Randolph County, Illinois; died there 17 January 1926; married Alice Tabatha Quait 1 January 1896. Three children were born. Alice Quait was born 8 April 1872 near Sparta, the daughter of Sarah Jane Brown and Anderson Lindsey Quait. One sister Mary Ann, married William McIntyre, Neil Daniel's Uncle. Another, Ada Rebecca married Wm. James McIntyre, son of William, Sarah Jane Brown was a daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Boyd) Brown.
6. Margaret Jane, fourth child of James and Martha McIntyre, born 24 October 1863 and died 9 October 1933, married Henry T. Hughes 11 April 1882 in Randolph County, Illinois. (See Hughes). Five children were born, James Philbert; Alice; Rosalia McClure (who sent material for the McIntyre History); Florence Mae and Edith Hughes.
6. James C., fifth child of James and Martha McIntyre; born 27 February 1866 south of Sparta; died 21 November 1931, married Laura Annette Ervin 5 August 1891 in Perry County, Illinois. Three children Clyde Graham, Albert Theodore and Claude Edward "Clodie" McIntyre were born.
6. William John, sixth child of James and Martha McIntyre was born 5 December 1867 near Sparta; died 6 August 1949; married Margaret Jane Lafferty 16 February 1898. Four children were born, Ivan, James, Delbert, Nettie and Margaret Anna McIntyre.
6. Mary Agnes, seventh child of James and Martha McIntyre, born 21 December 1869 near Sparta, died 3 May 1909; married Samuel Croyden Thompson 30 September 1896. Four children were born, Earl Clifford, Beulah; Rosalie Alma and Mary Thompson.
6. Martha, eighth child of James and Martha McIntyre, born 27 September; died 1871 married Theodore Lafferty 24 October 1894, three children were born, Harry, Blanche and Arthur Lafferty.

6. Martin Steele, ninth child of James and Martha McIntyre, born 12 June 1873, died 14 November 1953, married Eliza Jane Adams 30 April 1901. Three children were born, Gladys May, Kenneth B. and Thrulo S. McIntyre.
6. Sophia Wylie, first child of James and his second wife Mary Eliza (Hughes) McIntyre, born 17 September 1881 near Sparta; died 24 November 1961; unmarried; a registered nurse.
6. Lillie Hughes, second child of James and Mary E. (Hughes) McIntyre; born 18 January 1883 near Sparta; living in Sparta in May 1963; unmarried; a dressmaker.
6. Robert Henry, third child of James and Mary McIntyre, born 23 July 1889, living May 1963, married Florence "Flossie" Finley 17 March 1909. Seven children were born.
5. Daniel, fifth child of Neal and Margaret McIntyre, born 10 October 1834 in Knockvallen, County Antrim, N. Ireland, died 24 July 1874 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, married Julia Ann White in Troy, New York. She was born 26 June 1833 in Troy, New York and died 27 October 1925 near Sparta, buried in Caledonia cemetery, Sparta. After Daniel's death she married Richard Doolin. (See Benson, Allied Families) Five children were born to Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre.
6. Thomas White, first child of Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre, born 27 July 1863 and died 12 September 1884.
6. Margaret Azalia second child of Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre; born 10 February 1865 in Troy New York; died 14 December 1943 in Sparta, Illinois; married Henry Clay Robbins 30 April 1890. He was born 14 February 1891 in Sparta, Illinois; eight children were born, two died as infants, the other were: Bernice, Cecil, Harry, Kenneth, Emmet, Henry Clay "Jack" Robbins.
6. Daniel E., third child of Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre; birth date not known; died 18 January 1911 in Sparta.
6. Mary Teresa, fourth child of Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre; born 16 February 1869, died 20 June 1905 in Washington state; unmarried.
6. Samuel, fifth child of Daniel and Julia Ann McIntyre; birth date not known; died before 1925, unmarried.
5. Robert, sixth child of Neal and Margaret (McConachie) McIntyre; born 20 February 1836 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Balleymoney, County Antrim, N. Ireland; died 9 February 1880 on his farm near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. Buried in Caledonia cemetery, Sparta; married Mary Watt about 1867. Six children were born.
6. Samuel, first child born to Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born in Randolph County, Illinois; died; unmarried.

6. Margaret, second child of Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born in Randolph County, Illinois; married Mr. Mann.
6. Mary, third child of Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born 1872 in Randolph County, Illinois; died 29 June 1953 at Sherman Oaks, California; married first Andrew Jackson Allen 10 December 1890 in Sparta. He was born 1867 and died 28 December 1920 in South Gate, California. One child, Aletha Allen was born. Mary McIntyre Allen married second Edd Garrison, a jeweler in South Gates, California.
6. Lillie, fourth child of Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born in Randolph County, Illinois; married William Baird near Sparta; no children. The couple moved to California with the Allens.
6. Martha, fifth child of Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born in Randolph County, Illinois; married D. W. Brown. They later moved to California. No children.
6. Elizabeth, sixth child of Robert and Mary (Watt) McIntyre; born in Randolph County, Illinois; living 1953; married Dr. Schellenberger (or Shallenberger) of Chicago: they moved to California later. No children.
5. Alexander, seventh child of Neal and Margaret (McConachie) McIntyre; born 1 May 1844 Knockvallen, County Antrim, N. Ireland, according to the family records. Mrs. Torrens gave 7 December 1838. He died 15 May 1836 near Sparta when struck by lightning while at work on his farm; buried in Caledonia cemetery, Sparta; married Anna Gilmore 27 May 1869 in County Antrim, N. Ireland. She was born 31 December 1847 in County Antrim and died 26 September 1893 near Sparta, Illinois. Six children were born to the couple; Sarah Ann, Daniel Neal, Joseph Gilmore, Morriah Margaret, Alexander Smiley and Bertha May McIntyre.
6. Sarah Ann, first child of Alexander and Anna (Gilmore) McIntyre; born 10 March 1870 in Randolph County, Illinois, died 31 July 1929 in California; buried in Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta; married twice, first to Ed Scott, divorced; second to E. P. Junker in California. No children.
6. Daniel Neal second child of Alexander and Anna (Gilmore) McIntyre, born 12 October 1871 near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois; died 18 January 1918 near Sparta; buried in Sparta. Married three times, first Emma Bell McConachie (see McConchie); divorced; one child Lucinda Claire McIntyre who married David Ralph Benson. (See Benson). Married second Mary E. Wilson on 23 October 1901; divorced; she was born 1882, daughter of John and Amanda Wilson; three children born; Amanda Mae who was a dietitian, graduate of University of Illinois and moved to California where she married; Harry and Edward Adam. One or both of the boys legally changed their name from McIntyre to Wilson. Daniel Neal married a third time Mrs. Ida Belton Sweat (pronounced Sweet). Two children, Daniel and James Smiley, were born before Daniel Neal's death.
6. Joseph Gilmore, third child of Alexander and Anna (Gilmore) McIntyre; born 5 November 1873 near Sparta; died 24 September 1876 near Sparta, Illinois.

6. Morriah Margaret, fourth child of Alexander and Anna (Gilmore) McIntyre; born 10 March 1875 near Sparta, Illinois; died there 22 July 1878.
6. Alexander Smiley, fifth child of Alexander and Anna McIntyre; born 9 September 1877 near Sparta, Illinois; died 22 September 1951 in Illinois; married Mary Elizabeth McMichael 23 May 1900. She was daughter Esther (McKinney) and James McMichael and was born 16 October 1879, Perry, Illinois; died 2 October 1939 in Sparta; one child, Hester Ann, who married Marshall Baird.
6. Bertha May, sixth child of Alexander and Anna McIntyre, born 22 September 1880; living in the fall of 1963 in Oakland, California; married Horace F. Kite 4 November 1904; no children.
5. David, eighth child of Neal and Margaret (McConachie) McIntyre, born 1839 in County Antrim, N. Ireland; died 8 October 1899 near Sparta, Illinois; some references gave his brother Samuel as the eighth son but this did not seem correct). David married twice, first Jane Kirkpatrick and second Mary E. Taggart on 7 January 1870 near Sparta. (See Ross family). Eight children were born to David, one by the first wife and seven by the second.
6. David John, only child born to David and Jane (Kirkpatrick) McIntyre about 1868; died in his youth of an accidental gunshot wound.
6. Mary Jane, child of David and Mary E. (Taggart) McIntyre, born 2 November 1870; died 2 July 1939; married Martin Snodgrass 21 February 1894; he was born 7 May 1871 at Coulterville, Illinois, the son of Isaac and Isabell (Blair) Snodgrass; nine children were born; Everette C., William E., Florence, Francis, Martin, Elizabeth, Isabel, John and Mildred Emma Snodgrass. An infant died at birth.
6. Margaret, second child of David and Mary E. (Taggart) McIntyre, born 16 January 1872; died 3 April 1934 near Coulterville, Illinois; married twice; first, Ernest Garner 14 June 1894; he died soon after marriage. Margaret married second, to William McAllister Fullerton 23 May 1899. (See Fullerton Family) There were three children born to the second marriage.
7. Lester D., first child of Margaret and William M. Fullerton; born 11 September 1900 near Coulterville; lived there 1963; married Flossie Stewart 18 April 1923; two children were born.
8. Eileen Marie, first child of Lester and Flossie Fullerton, married George Hall 23 November 1945; both graduates of University of Illinois and both teach; they lived in Staunton, Illinois in 1963; Eileen Marie was born 2 January 1924; three children were born to the couple.
8. Lester Eugene, child of Lester and Flossie Fullerton; born 29 December 1935; living in 1963; married Pauline Howie 24 August 1957 (See Howie).
7. Willard W., second son of Margaret and William M. Fullerton, born 26 August 1908 near Coulterville, Illinois; living in Sparta 1963 where he practiced medicine; married Ethel Kiefer, a nurse, 23 March 1936; there were four children.

7. Howard Fullerton, third child of Margaret and William Fullerton; born 5 September 1916 near Coulterville, Illinois; living there in 1963; married Jannette Heinbaugh 25 June 1937; four children.
6. Agnes, third child of David and Mary E. McIntyre; born 10 October 1873; died 10 March 1904 near Swanwick, Illinois and buried there; married Albert E. Huey 9 September 1896. (See Ross) Three children. Two died shortly after birth.
7. Ernest child of Agnes and Albert E. Huey; born 25 April 1898; living 1963; married Louise Finney 30 October 1919.
6. Sarah, fourth child of David and Mary E. McIntyre; born 13 July 1875; died 3 July 1953 at Coulterville, Illinois; buried Caledonia cemetery, Sparta; unmarried.
6. Rebecca, fifth child of David and Mary E. McIntyre; born 22 May 1878; living near Coulterville, Illinois, 1963; married David Cooper Fullerton, a cousin of William M. Fullerton (See Fullerton), 6 December 1906; three sons, David John Taggart who married Hope Stevenson; Thomas Jackson and Harry R. Fullerton who were unmarried in 1963.
6. Robert, sixth child of David and Mary E. McIntyre; born 1881; died 1882.
6. Elizabeth, seventh child of David and Mary E. McIntyre; born 13 November 1883; died 1943; married Robert Stewart 2 November 1910; four children were born, Mary Margueritte, David James, Robert and Agnes Fern Stewart.
5. William, tenth child of Neal and Margaret (McConachie) McIntyre; born November 1844, according to date on his marriage record (Mrs. Torrens gave 1841) in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Balleymoney, County Antrim, N. Ireland; died 17 March 1907 at his farm home near Sparta, Illinois; married twice, first Nancy Taggart 24 June 1866 in Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock R. P. church according to marriage records in Belfast, N. Ireland, (See Ross); married second Mary Ann "Cis" Quait 4 December 1888 in Illinois. Nancy Taggart was born November 1846 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Liscannon or Dervock, County Antrim, N. Ireland; died near Sparta, Illinois, 30 December 1880; buried in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta; immigrated to America with her husband in either the last of 1866 or the first part of 1867; eight children were born. William married Mary Ann Quait, his second wife, 4 December 1888 at Sparta; she was a sister of Alice Tabatha and Ada Rebecca Quait and was born 24 July 1864; died 4 March 1943 near Percy, Illinois; three children were born.
6. Neal A., first child of Nancy and William McIntyre; born 30 December 1866 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, N. Ireland (birth certificate registered in Belfast, N. Ireland) died February 1944; came to America as a baby with his parents; unmarried.
6. John, second child of Nancy and William McIntyre, born 1868 near Sparta, Illinois; died there in August 1880.

6. William James, third child of Nancy and William McIntyre; born 27 October 1870 near Sparta; died 20 January 1962 in Sparta Community Hospital; buried in the Caledonia cemetery, Sparta; married Ada Rebecca Quait, sister of Alice and Mary Ann, 18 August 1908; two children.
7. Lester Brown, first child of William James and Ada Rebecca McIntyre; born 24 May 1906 near Sparta; living near Tilden, Illinois 1963; married Anna Rachel Wilson 26 December 1939; two children; John Ralph and Martha Elizabeth McIntyre.
7. Clifford Taggart, second child of William and Ada Rebecca McIntyre; born 22 February 1911 near Sparta; living on father's farm, near Sparta in 1963; married Marie Rockwell 19 April 1919; two children, David Wayne and William Dennis McIntyre.
6. Nancy McIntyre, fourth child of Nancy (Taggart) and William McIntyre, born 17 March 1873 near Sparta, Illinois; died 5 April 1943 near Sparta, burial in Caledonia cemetery; married William Montgomery 21 March 1900 in Sparta; seven children were born. (See Montgomery)
6. Margaret McIntyre, fifth child of Nancy and William McIntyre, born 1 April 1874 in Sparta, Illinois; died 9 February 1961 at Canon City, Colorado; burial in Lakeside cemetery there; married first Joseph Rice Benson (See Benson) six children, only three lived; married second Oliver Hurst, 2 March 1922 at Canon City, Colorado; he died 7 June 1957 in Canon City and was buried in Lakeside cemetery.
6. David Taggart, sixth child of Nancy and William McIntyre, born 15 March 1876 near Sparta, Illinois, living in Los Angeles, California in December 1962; married Mary Annetta Forney 24 October 1932 at Clay Center, Kansas; she died 21 July 1956 at McMinnville, Oregon, two children were born, Mary Annette and David Willis.
6. Robert Albert, seventh child of Nancy and William McIntyre, born 14 March 1878 near Sparta, Illinois; died 16 April 1932 in Canon City, Colorado; burial in Lakeside cemetery there; unmarried.
6. Samuel Smiley, eighth child of Nancy and William McIntyre, born 15 November 1879 near Sparta, Illinois; died March 1959 in Sparta; burial in Caledonia cemetery there; married Rose Etta McConachie 22 May 1906 (See McConachie); one child, a son.
7. Harvey Smiley, only child of Rose Etta and Samuel Smiley McIntyre was born 15 May 1907 in Sparta, Illinois, living 1963, married Elva May Simonds 6 July 1932, one child Sharon Jean was born. Children by second wife.
6. Ethel Marie, first child of William and Mary Ann McIntyre; born 12 December 1889 near Sparta, Illinois; living there 1963; married Kenneth Wilson 1 January 1914 in Canon City Colorado, divorced; no children.
6. Mary Grace, second child of William and Mary Ann McIntyre; born 14 April 1893 near Sparta, Illinois; died 20 July 1954 near Sparta and buried there; married Abram Raleigh Bergfeld 21 April 1915; one child, Leland Earl Bergfeld.

6. Harry Anderson, third child of William and Mary Ann McIntyre; born 15 December 1898 near Sparta; living in Canon City, Colorado in 1963; married Flossie Leftwich 17 August 1923 in Sparta, Illinois; one child Bob Lyle McIntyre.
5. Margaret Jane, probably tenth child of Neal and Margaret McIntyre; may have been born in Troy, New York or County Antrim, N. Ireland, depending on whether she was the tenth or eleventh child; died soon after birth. Mrs. Torrens lists this child as one of the first born to Margaret and Neal but Margaret McIntyre Benson Hurst said she was one of the last, born either in County Antrim and died as a baby in Troy, New York or she was born and died in Troy.
5. Samuel, either tenth or eleventh child of Neal and Margaret McIntyre; born 1846 (or 1843) in County Antrim, N. Ireland; died 1 June 1924 near Sparta, Illinois; married Sarah Jane Ervin (See Ervin family) 6 March 1877; she was born 22 May 1853 and died 14 August 1883 near Cutler, Illinois; four children were born.
6. William Neal, first child of Samuel and Sarah Jane Ervin; born 6 December 1879 near Sparta; died there 27 July 1947; married three times, first Clara L. Been on 4 April 1906. She died 10 December 1907. One child Carl Russell was born. He died while still a child. Wm. Neal married second Bessie Jane Robinson 31 July 1912 (See Howie for more on the line). He married third Mrs. Emma D. Turner; no children; she survived.
6. Samuel E., second child of Samuel and Sarah Jane McIntyre; born 8 February 1882; died 12 April 1893.
6. Infant daughter born and died 14 August 1883.
6. Robert Henry, fourth child of Samuel and Sarah Jane McIntyre; born 24 September 1887; living 1962; married Mary Catherine McConachie (See McConachie) 25 December 1906; seven children were born; Wilmer Ervin; Infant daughter; Ruth Marie; Irma; Vernon Stanley; Francis Henry and Fern Mary McIntyre.
 * 1878. Died 24 December 1963. Burial in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta.

MONTGOMERY FAMILY

The first generation of this branch of the Montgomery line was given in a Genealogy of the lines found in the Church Library of the Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, as "John Montgomery." The families of Sparta, Illinois began their line with "James Montgomery" of County Donegal, Ireland. They did not know of the above "John Montgomery" although they said that he might have been an ancestor. The same reference gave one Alexander Montgomery as a son of John Montgomery and a brother of James. The information has been included here so that those interested in the line might do further searching.

1. John Montgomery married Margaret _____; both were members of the Church of England, both died and were buried in Ireland. Among Children was James Montgomery.
2. James Montgomery was born 15 April 1847 (or 1845) in County Donegal, Ireland; died August 1928 in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. Married Susan McMath about 1867 in County Donegal. She was born 27 June 1849 in County Donegal, Ireland; died 11 April 1913 in Sparta, Illinois. Nine children were born, six in County Donegal, the three youngest in Randolph County, Illinois. James and Susan Montgomery immigrated to America in 1880 by way of New York settled in Randolph County, near Sparta. They brought with them only three of their children, Margaret, William and David; the others remaining with an uncle in Ireland for several years. James worked for a time for David McConachie, then purchased his own farm southeast of Sparta.
3. Letitia "Titia", first child of James and Susan Montgomery was born 1 February 1868 in County Donegal, Ireland; (christened in the Episcopal church there?) She died 1941 in Sparta, Illinois. She was married to John Lippert 11 October 1893. He was born 12 July 1858 and died 6 September 1943 in Sparta; 9 children but only two, Henry and Ethel, lived.
3. Margaret, second child of James and Susan Montgomery; born 28 March 1870 in County Donegal, Ireland; died 31 March 1955 in Sparta; married William John Benson 28 September 1887. (See William John Benson outline for complete record) Both were buried in Union Cemetery, Sparta.
3. Joseph, third son of James and Susan Montgomery; born 20 December 1871 in County Donegal, Ireland; died 13 August 1958 in Sparta, Illinois; married Margaret J. Baird 19 November 1895. She was born 12 August 1870 near Sparta, the daughter of Samuel Baird and died 30 November 1913 in Sparta, Illinois. Three children.
4. Mabel, first child of Joseph and Margaret (Baird) Montgomery; born 24 October 1897 near Sparta, Illinois; living 1962; married William Harper McDill; one child, Barbara Janetta who married.
4. Herbert, second child of Joseph and Margaret Montgomery; born 10 March 1903; md. twice, 1st to Mary Olathe "Billie" Williamson on 28 March 1931. She was born 3 April 1908; died 18 April 1934; daughter of Charles Williamson; one child, Norma Jean; Married 2nd. to Thelma Duncan 1 January 1938; no children.

4. Myra, third child of Joseph and Margaret Montgomery; born 21 October 1906 near Sparta; living 1962; married Russell Adams 19 January 1929. He was born 26 or 27 July 1906, son of Lillian (Caldwell) and Gilbert Adams; he died June 1962 and funeral was on the 13th. They had one child, Loris.
3. William James, fourth son of James and Susan Montgomery; born 4 November 1873 in County Donegal, Ireland; died 11 December 1949 in Sparta, Illinois; married Nancy McIntyre 21 March 1900 in Sparta, Illinois. She was born 7 March 1872 near Sparta, Illinois (See McIntyre); died 5 April 1943 near Sparta; 7 children, all born near Sparta, Illinois.
4. A daughter born 6 March 1901; died 22 July 1901; not named.
4. Florence Agnes, second child of William and Nancy Montgomery; born 10 May 1902; living 1963; married Clarence Baird; one child, Clarence Stanley who married Alice Mae Smith. Two children, Stephen Stanley and Terry Lynn.
4. Verna Mae, third child of William and Nancy Montgomery; born 21 April 1905; died 9 August 1905.
4. William Russell, fourth child of William and Nancy Montgomery; born 31 May 1906; died 28 March 1947; married twice: 1st, Mildred Leftwich; no children; 2nd, Ada Belle Cole; no children.
4. Myrtle Helen, fifth child of William and Nancy Montgomery; born 8 August 1908; living 1963; married twice, 1st, Harry Raymond Lively, who died, no children. 2nd, Stanley Mlotowski; no children.
4. Elsie Leona, sixth child of William and Nancy Montgomery; born 3 February 1911; living 1963; married twice, 1st, Everett Leftwich; divorced; two children, one died early; Marian married Edward Lee Davis, two children Leigh Ann and Elaine; 2nd, Robert Cole who died January 1963; no children.
4. James Carl, seventh child William and Nancy Montgomery; born 9 November 1913; living 1963; married twice; 1st, Vancil Marie Glenn on 9 February 1935; she was child of Harvey W. Glenn; divorced; one child, James Warren. 2nd, Vera Irene Adams on 4 November 1939; she was daughter of Alice (Colbert) and Harry Adams; one child, Alan Dale born 27 April 1938, married Frances Rapp, May 1959. She was the daughter of Margaret E. and E. E. Rapp at Sparta. No children 1962.
3. A son Montgomery died at birth in County Donegal, Ireland.
3. David, sixth child of James and Susan Montgomery; born 28 May 1879 in County Donegal, Ireland; died 11 September 1962; Married twice; 1st, Mayme Birchler in 1908 in Sparta, Illinois; she died 1927, 9 children.
4. Lena, first child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 15 February 1909; married Lester Leming 22 August 1928; lived Coulterville, Illinois.
4. David Jr., second child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 13 March 1912; married Grace Rednour.
4. Lester, third child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 30 December 1913, died 1962. Married Stella Rednour.

4. Dorothy, fourth child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 23 November 1915; married Roy Leming.
4. Viola, fifth child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 26 November 1917; married Elmer Leming.
4. Rodney, sixth child of David and Mayme Montgomery; 24 September 1919, married Elizabeth Bryan in 1943.
4. Verna, seventh child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 25 January 1922; married Harold McBride.
4. Cleo, eighth child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 1924; married Vernon Jones.
4. Opal, ninth child of David and Mayme Montgomery; born 1926; married John Wilson.
3. David Montgomery, married 2nd Mrs. Martha Winifred (McCauley) Ross in 1929; Mrs. Ross had three daughters by her first husband as follows: Imogene, Elizabeth (see Clarence Ross, also Vernon Bumann) and Alice; she died 16 October 1962.
4. James Dale, first child of David and Winifred Montgomery; born 1931; living 1963; married Jerlene Mines 1937.
3. Jane "Janie", seventh child of James and Susan Montgomery; born 4 November 1881 in Randolph County, Illinois; married Edward Benjamin on 14 November 1906; he was born 29 November 1876; died August 1956; 5 children.
4. Ethel, first child of Jane and Edward Benjamin; born 27 January 1908; married Roscoe Etherton on 26 February 1928, several children. One was Roscoe Jr.
4. Mae, second child of Jane and Edward Benjamin; born 8 November 1909; married Everette Beattie on 14 November 1927; he was born 8 December 1894.
4. Carl, third child Jane and Edward Benjamin; born 13 April 1912; died 2 or 3 August 1913.
4. Lorene, fourth child of Jane and Edward Benjamin; born 12 February 1916, died 1942 in Wyoming; married Wayne Hill in 1934.
4. Foster, fifth child of Jane and Edward Benjamin; born 25 January 1918; married Loretta Outten in 1941; she was born 14 March 1919.
3. Mary, eighth child James and Susan Montgomery; born 21 June 1885 in Sparta, Illinois; living May 1963; married Howard Williamson in 1905; he was born 24 August 1881 and died 2 June 1940; seven children.
4. Walter, first child Mary and Howard Williamson; born 1905; married.

4. Albert, second son of Mary and Howard Williamson; died 24 July 1917.
4. Florence Williamson, third child of Mary and Howard Williamson; born May 1911; married Riley Miller Redpath in 1935, two children.
4. Clemmie, a daughter and fourth child of Mary and Howard Williamson; born August 1913; living 1958; unmarried.
4. Donald, fifth child of Mary and Howard Williamson; married Betty Furness; divorced.
4. Delores, sixth child of Mary and Howard Williamson; born August 1926; married Francis Touhey.
4. Robert, seventh child of Mary Williamson; born December 1929.
3. James, ninth child of James and Susan Montgomery; born 18 August 1889 in Sparta, Illinois; living 1958 Mt. Pulaski, Illinois; married Mary Stewart 12 November 1913; three children.
4. Lawrence, first child of Mary and James Montgomery; born 28 September 1913; married Ellen Rice on 13 October 1935; lived in northern Illinois in 1962.
4. Ruby, second child of Mary and James Montgomery; 20 May 1916; married Woodrow Allison.
4. Bessie Florence, third child of Mary and James Montgomery; born 15 November 1919; married Gale Peterson; three children Corky, Candy and Cookie Peterson.

ROSS FAMILY

The genealogy of the Ross family, an ancient and a very large one in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, began with the Ross Clan in Scotland. This outline will begin with the County Antrim line however. It was known that some of the Ross family members immigrated from Scotland to North Ireland as did the McIntyres, Mcconachies, Taggorts and others as early as 1750.

Since the line would consume much space, only the descendants of one Robert Ross, of interest to the Benson, Montgomery and McIntyre lines will be explored. The material for this summary was taken largely from the notes from the Camac papers sent to the writer by the secretary of the Ulster-Scot Historical Society in Belfast, Northern Ireland and from information loaned the writer by Mrs. Frances Coulter (Mrs. Willis) of Coulterville, Illinois. She is a descendant of the Ross line and is a collector of Ross data.

1. Robert Ross, may have been born between 1755 and 1765 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, North Ireland. He lived in the same area, married, raised his family and died there. At least five children were born to the couple. They were James; a daughter, unmarried; a daughter who married Mr. Neil; a daughter who married Mr. Rankin and Nancy who married Thomas Mathews. Many of the descendants immigrated to America and settled in Randolph County, Illinois.
2. James Ross, son of Robert Ross, was probably born about 1785 and later died in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He married Jane Boyle about 1809. She was born in County Antrim about 1789 and died the later part of 1870. Eight children were born; Mary; James; William; Elizabeth; Nancy; Andrew; David John and Robert Ross.
3. Mary Ross, first child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross, was born 17 August 1811 in Dervock, County Antrim, North Ireland and died 1880 in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Coloraine, County Antrim. She married John Taggart in Dervock about 1825 or 28. He was from Liscannon and owned and operated a linen or flax mill situated between Liscannon and Coloraine. The family later moved to Coloraine. Seven children were born. They were;
4. Sarah or "Sally" Taggart, daughter of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart married James White. She died before 1960. Two daughters.
5. Mary was born to Sarah Taggart and James White. She married Mathew Brownlea and had three girls and one boy.
5. Ellin, daughter of Sarah Taggart and James White married James Galbraith and had seven children.
3. Nancy Taggart daughter of Mary Ross and John Taggart who was born November 1846 in Liscannon, married William McIntyre 24 June 1866 in Dervock, County Antrim. They immigrated to America in 1867 when their first child was a baby. Settled in Sparta, Illinois area. She died 30 December 1880 in Sparta, Illinois and was buried in Calodonia Cemetery there. Eight children were born to Nancy and William McIntyre. (See McIntyre).

They were: Neal A.; John; William James; Nancy; Margaret; David Taggart; Robert Albert and Samuel Smiley McIntyre. After his wife's death, William McIntyre married Mary Ann Quait. Three children Ethel Jane, Mary Grace and Harry Anderson McIntyre were born. (See McIntyre Family)

4. Jane Taggart daughter of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart who married Thomas Boyd. No children.
4. James Taggart, son of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart who married Rosana Cooper. They immigrated to America about 1870 but later moved on to Australia. Some of the relatives believed they then returned to County Antrim. No children.
4. David Taggart, son of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart married Elizabeth Long. Five children were born. The family immigrated to Canada.
4. Elizabeth Taggart, son of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart married Mr. Brewster in the United States. One daughter born. Family lived in United States.
4. Margaret Taggart, daughter of Mary (Ross) and John Taggart married James Horner. They remained in Northern Ireland. A letter from one of the three children, Ida, sent the following information to the writer. Margaret Taggart was a dressmaker; John Horner was a policeman; the family lived in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Coloraine, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Three children were born to the couple Florence Horner who died in 1960 or 1961; Ida Horner, living in January 1960 and also a dressmaker; and John a son who was killed in 1918 in the first World War.
3. James Ross, second child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross Sr; born in Knockvallen, Derrykeighan Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He married Margaret Brown in County Antrim. They immigrated to America and settled in Philadelphia. Four children were born but only the first one was born in County Antrim.
3. William Ross - third child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross, born 13 January 1817 in Dervock, County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died 7 November 1897 in Randolph County, Illinois. He married Mary Jane "Jennie" McAllister 18 December 1845 in County Antrim. (See McAllister) She was born 12 August 1821 in County Antrim and died 8 November 1817. They were buried in Gravel cemetery, Randolph County, Illinois. They immigrated to America in 1849 and settled in the Coulterville area, Randolph County, Illinois. Eleven children were born to the couple.
4. Alexander Ross, first child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross born 20 October 1846 in County Antrim and died 13 February 1936 in Randolph County, Illinois, near Coulterville. Married Elizabeth Hanna Gordon 16 April 1878. She was born 21 November 1852 and died 15 January 1924. 5 children were born.
5. Ida Ross, child of Elizabeth Hanna (Gordon) and Alexander Ross who married William Tabbing. Four children were born.
5. Elizabeth Ross, child of Elizabeth (Gordon) and Alexander Ross, married Alvin Shaw.

5. Clarence Ross, child of Elizabeth Hanna (Gordon) and Alexander Ross, was born 6 May 1889 and died 25 June 1927. He married Martha Winifred "Winnie" McCaulay on 2 September 1914. Three girls were born, Imogene, Elizabeth "Beth" who married K. L. Bumann (see Benson - Bumann) and Alice Ross. Clarence and Winnie Ross were divorced and she married David Montgomery as his second wife. One son was born. (See Montgomery)
5. Irvin Ross, child of Elizabeth H. (Gordon) and Alexander Ross, married Esther Huey. Five children were born.
5. Louise Ross, child of Elizabeth (Gordon) and Alexander Ross was unmarried.
4. Jane Ross, second child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 18 August 1848 in County Antrim and died 10 February 1932 in Randolph County, Illinois. Married Wilson Fullerton 28 March 1867. (See Fullerton) Eleven children were born. Only the first two, John C. and William McAllister Fullerton were of especial interest to the McIntype and Benson-Howie lines.
4. James M. Ross, son of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross, born 5 June 1850 and died 11 July 1851.
4. Nancy Ross, fourth child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 11 September 1852, died November 1936 and married Henry Curtis 15 October 1878. Seven children were born.
4. James Thomas Ross, fifth child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 30 March 1855 and died 19 December 1933. He married Letitia Sands 15 October 1878. Seven children were born. Miss Sands was born 4 April 1859 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She died 15 May 1947. Many of the descendants lived in Randolph County, Illinois.
4. Elizabeth Ross, sixth child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross. She was born 27 December 1858, a twin sister of Mary Ross. She died July 1861.
4. Mary Ross, seventh child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 27 December 1858 and died 13 September 1948. She married Robert James Prest 2 May 1883. He was born 14 November 1856 and died 23 August 1932. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, North of Tilden, Illinois. Six children were born.
5. Infant Prest born September 1884. Lived three days.
5. Mabel Elizabeth Prest, daughter of Mary (Ross) and Robert James Prest. Married George Alfred Coulter. Seven children were born. Their second child was Willis Bailey Coulter born 22 December 1912 and living in Coulterville area 1963. Married Frances Edmiston 7 December 1944. Mrs. Coulter has done a great deal of research on the Ross line as well as her own lines. She was born 5 August 1917 and was living with her family 1963. They have two children, Janice and Maurice Coulter.

5. William Elmo Prest, third child of Mary (Ross) and Robert James Prest married Lydia Garnett and had three children.
5. William Ross Prest, fourth child of Mary (Ross) and Robert James Prest lived only five months.
5. Jennie Blanche Prest, fifth child of Mary (Ross) and Robert James Prest married Ralph Linwood Paul. Three sons were born.
5. Everett Alexander Prest, sixth child of Mary (Ross) and Robert James Prest was born 24 October 1894 near Tilden, in Randolph County, Illinois and died March 1963. Married Nettie Marie Stevenson on 5 November 1913. She was born 19 November 1891 and was living in May 1963 near Coulterville, Randolph County, Illinois. Eight children were born. The one of special interest to the Benson History was: (See Benson-Howie)
6. Clifford Marshall Prest who married Betty May Henderson (See Benson- Howie). They had three children.
4. Martha Ross, seventh child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 5 August 1861. Married James E. Graham.
4. Rebecca Ross eighth child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 7 October 1862. Married Lemuel Prest.
4. William John Ross, ninth child of Mary Jane (McAllister) and William Ross was born 24 March 1865 and married Mary Ann Galloway.
3. Elizabeth Ross, fifth child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross. Born about 1822 in County Antrim, North Ireland and died 13 February 1888 in Coulterville, Illinois, married David Brown in County Antrim about 1847. Five children were born. Immigrated to American and settled in Randolph County, Illinois.
4. Mary Brown born about 1848 in County Antrim, married Alexander Clark and moved to Denver, Colorado.
4. Jane Brown, second child of Elizabeth (Ross) and David Brown, born about 24 January 1849 in County Antrim, died 30 July 1927, Randolph County, Illinois. Married James S. Huey who was born 20 January 1847, died 28 April 1928. Five children.
5. Albert Huey first child of Jane Brown and James S. Huey, married Agnes McIntyre. (See McIntyre)
5. David Huey
5. Elizabeth Huey. Probably married John McConachie. She died January 1923.
5. Anna Huey died age 7 years.
5. Esther Huey married Irvin Ross.

4. David John Brown, third child of Elizabeth (Ross) and David Brown. Married and moved to Kansas. There were children.
4. Alice Brown, fourth child of Elizabeth (Ross) and David Brown Sr. Died young.
4. James Hamilton Brown, fifth child of Elizabeth (Ross) and David Brown. Died young.
3. Nancy Ross, fifth child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross. Born in County Antrim and died in New Zealand, it was believed. Married Wm. Ervin. Five children were born.
3. Andrew Ross, sixth child Jane (Boyle) and James Ross, born in County Antrim, lived near Coulterville, Illinois and was unmarried.
3. David John Ross, seventh child of Jane (Boyle) and James Ross, born County Antrim.
3. Robert Ross, eighth child of Jane "Boyle" and James Ross born County Antrim, immigrated to Philadelphia, married and later moved to Coulterville. Five children were born.
2. A daughter of Robert Ross of Knockvallen, Derrykeighan, Parish, Dervock, County Antrim, North Ireland. Unmarried.
2. Daughter of Robert Ross of County Antrim. Married a Mr. Neil.
2. Daughter of Robert Ross of County Antrim married a Mr. Rankin.
2. Nancy Ross, a daughter of Robert Ross of County Antrim. Married Thomas Mathews there about 1812. Immigrated to America 25 September 1839 and arrived in Randolph County, Illinois 24 January 1840, traveling by way of New Orleans. There were 10 children, all born in County Antrim, North Ireland. She died in Randolph County, Illinois about 1864. There were many descendants of the couple living in Randolph County, Illinois in 1963. The children of Nancy (Ross) and Thomas Mathews were; Nancy; Robert; Thomas; James; William John; Joseph Braden; Hugh; Adam Thompson; Jennet White and Alex McCloud Mathews.

TILDEN FAMILY

Hested, in his History of County Kent, England wrote that "The family of Tylden, one of great antiquity, has been seated in Kent for several centuries. The Tyldens were one of great respectability". It was a very large family and for one so large records were very well kept, both in the local county of Kent and Canterbury and in London. Those immigrating to America also kept good family records for there are volumes of Tilden history in the New York City Library as well as genealogies, records of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, County records, land grants and many other records throughout the United States.

The name Tilden has been spelled in various ways, Telden, Tilden, Tillden, Tylden and even Tiltten. The early English used the "Tylden" spelling and modern family members in Kent who took rank among the gentry, persist in the "Tylden" form. It was the American immigrants who assumed the "Tilden" spelling of the name.

Samuel J. Tilden of a much later day, wrote in his own family history that "There is an ancient pedigree which began with a Sir Richard Tylden who lived and died during the reign of Henry II and Richard I of England - a period from 1154 to 1189. It was said to have been obtained from records of the late Sir John Cutgreave in 1820 and traces the family line to William the Conqueror." Samuel Tilden went on to say that "for my part, I am not ambitious to trace my ancestry to the ruffin and robber chivalry of Normandy. It is more consonant with my principles and my tastes to deduce my lineage from the Yeomanry of Saxon Kent."

There were three branches of the Tylden family and if records are correct, the New England Tildens are of the oldest branch. Jonathan Tylden obtained the right by certificate to use the Coat of Arms of the Tyldens. The New England Tildens have the right to use the emblem through Richard Tilden. The picture of the Coat of Arms may be found in any book on Heraldry.

Among the early Tyldens of the New England lines, but not necessarily in direct succession, are the following:

1. Sir John Maxwell Tylden, of the earliest branch, served in the English army for 20 years.
2. Sir Richard Tylden who lived and died between 1154-1189, during the reigns of Henry II and Richard I.
3. William Tylden paid for lands about 1376 when the Black Prince was Knighted.
4. A later William Tylden, who died about 23 December 1613. His brother was a clergyman of Brenchely.

From this point records are accurately recorded to the time of Samuel Jones Tilden and perhaps to the present day, 1963. That line will be followed here in a brief form, for Elvira, Mary, Theoday and others were cousins near enough to be considered cousins at the time of Samuel Tilden's death. They were not first cousins and sad to relate Stephen B. Tilden Sr. either did not see fit to keep a record of his line or the record was lost. It was possible, from records found by professional genealogists hired by Mrs. Callie Mann, that the two lines divided some three generations before the births of Samuel and Elvira and her brothers and sisters. The missing generation will probably be found some day.

1. John Tylden Sr. of Crathole in the Parish of Benynnden (or Benenden), born in 1400's in Benenden, County Kent, England. His will was dated 12 September 1463. Married Joane _____, her will dated 15 June 1474 and proved 1 April 1476. Children, John, Thomas, Robert, Alice and Agnes.
2. John Tilden Jr., born in Benenden, later lived in Marden, County Kent, England. His will proved 9 May 1492. Married Joane _____. She was born in Benenden and lived in Marden. Among their children were William, Thomas, Joane and perhaps others.
3. Thomas Tilden married _____. His will was proved 26 April 1514. Children were Richard, John, Alice, Helen, Joane.
4. Richard Tilden married Joane _____ (it would seem all the Tildens married Joanes). He was born before 1472 and was living in 1513. Will proved 5 March 1557 or 8. Children John, Robert, George and Richard, were recorded in the will.
5. Richard Tilden Jr., a yeoman, married Elizabeth Glover of Tenterden, County Kent, England. He died 26 January 1565 and he was at Tenterden. His will was proved 15 May 1566 at Canterbury, England. His children were John, Julyan, Agnes, Thomaisin, Catherine, Mary, Alice and Thomas. All were born in Tenterden, County Kent, England.
6. Thomas Tilden, born before 1541. He died or he was buried in 1617 at Wye, County Kent, England. Married three times: 1st, Alice Bigge 10 March 1576. She was probably the daughter of Walter Bigge of Benenden. Much was written of her life and history in what is known as the "Bigge Papers." The second wife was Ellen Hubbard (or Evenden), a widow who died and who was buried in Tenterden. The third wife was an Alice _____. Little was known of her.

Between 1604 and 1614, Thomas Tylden owned land in East Guiliford, in Sussex. He may have moved there. Among the children by his first wife, Alice Bigge Tilden, were the following: Sarah born 30 August 1579 in Tenterden, County Kent, England; Abigail, born 26 February 1581 or 2 in Tenterden.

Nathaniel, born or baptized 28 July 1583 in Tenterden;

Joseph, baptized 28 November 1585 in Tenterden. He later became one of the Merchants of London who financed the trip of the Mayflower and other ships to America;

Hopestill, baptized 1 May 1588 in Tenterden.

Theophilus, baptized 11 October 1590 in Tenterden.

Thomas Jr., baptized 1 May 1593 in Tenterden.

Freegift, baptized 29 May 1604 in Tenterden. He later became a minister and was known as Rev. Freegift Tilden.

7. Nathaniel Tilden, born or baptized 28 July 1583 in Tenterden, County Kent England. (There were various spellings of the word Nathaniel but the above seemed to be the preferred one). Nathaniel Tilden died in 1641 in Scituate, Massachusetts. His will was made 25 May 1641 and proved 31 July 1641. He was a Yeoman, was active in political and church matters, he was a Jurat and served a number of years as Mayor. On 26 February 1634 he applied to immigrate to America. The application, recorded in a number of books such as Savage, The Pilgrim Fathers, states that they sailed in 1635 on the Hercules from Sandwich. His party included himself, his wife, seven children, and seven servants. The Tilden family immediately took land at Scituate, Massachusetts, but he maintained his land at Tenterden, England. He was said to have been one of the wealthiest men among the early settlers. Nathaniel Tilden attended Oxford in England. He married Lydia Bourne in England just after 1600. She was a daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Bourne and was born or was baptized 11 February 1587. She survived her husband and later married a second time, a friend of the family, Timothy Hatherby. Having no children, he left his entire estate which was considerable, to Nathaniel's children. The children were as follows although several different references list them in other orders:

Thomas Tilden, baptized 23 October 1608 in Tenterden. Buried there 19 January 1618.

Mary, baptized 20 May 1610 at St. Margaret's Church. Married Thomas Lapham 13 March 1636. They came to America. Six children born. Joseph, baptized 12 January 1611 or 12 died (or buried 15 March 1611 or 12. Sarah, baptized 13 June 1613. Came to America. Married George Sulton 13 March 1636. There were children.

Joseph, baptized 29 April 1615. Died about 12 May 1670 as that was date of will. Married Elizabeth (or Alice) Twisden 20 November 1649. Came to America. There were children.

Stepehn, baptized 31 March 1617 and later died. He was buried 21 October 1619 at Tenterden.

Thomas, baptized 19 January 1618 at Tenterden. Died Scituate, Massachusetts and was buried there 12 December 1663. Married, 1st Mrs. Elizabeth (Bourne) Waterman. 2nd, Mary Holmes. Children (5).

Judith, baptized 22 October 1620. Came to America. Married Abraham Preble. There were children.

Winifred, baptized 20 October 1622. He died and was buried in Tenterden, 14 November 1622.

Lydia, baptized 30 March 1624. She died and was buried 15 September 1624 at Tenterden.

Lydia, baptized 28 September 1625. Came to America. Married Richard Garrett. She died about 1670.

8. Stephen B. baptized 11 October 1629 at Tenterden, child of Lydia and Nathaniel Tilden. He came to America on the Hercules in 1635 with the family. He died 22 August 1711 or 12 in Scituate, Massachusetts. He married Hannah Little 15 (25) January 1662. She was born after 1633, the daughter of Thomas Little, and Ann (Warren) Little of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Ann Warren was the daughter of Richard Warren who came to America on the May flower in 1620. (DAR records). Children of Stephen and Hannah were born in Scituate, Massachusetts and were:

Hannah (or Hanah), born 14 October 1662.

Stephen Jr., born 1663 or 64. Married Lucinda Hargrove. Children included Stephen III, born 18 January 1690 and married Sarah Root.

Abigail born 1666

Mary born 1668

Judith born 1670

Joseph born 1672

Mercy born 1 May 1674 (May have been Mary)

Ruth born 1676

Isaac born 1678

Ephraim born 1680

Ebenezer born 1681

David born 6 November 1685

9. Isaac Tilden was born 28 August 1678 in Scituate, Massachusetts and died 15 April 1771 in Hebron, Connecticut. He moved first to Lebanon, Connecticut then on to Hebron. He married twice, first Martha Mudge on 30 December 1714 in Lebanon, Connecticut. She died leaving one child, Isaac, born 26 September 1715. Some referenees include this child as one of the second wife's. Isaac married secondly Rebecca Man on 14 June 1716 in Lebanon, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Richard Man who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620 as a member of Elder Brewster's party. There children were born in Lebanon, Connecticut.

Rebecca born 17 March 1717

Jonathan born 24 April 1719

Judith born 2 April 1721

Martha born 12 October 1723

Mercy born 28 January 1725

Harriett born 28 January 1728

John born 8 February 1729

10. John Tilden was born 8 (or 7) February 1729 in Lebanon, Connecticut. He died 9 November 1812. He served in Connecticut troops in French-Indian War. In 1762 he married Bathsheba Jones, who was of a prominent Colonial family. There were numerous records of her ancestors. The family moved from Connecticut to New Lebanon, New York. Their children were:

Lois born 1763

Lucinda born 1764

John born 1766 and died 1790. Served in Connecticut troops in French War

Anna born 1769

Olive born 1771

Cynthia born 1774

Elam born 1781

11. Elam Tilden was born 31 December 1781 in Lebanon, Connecticut and died 10 April 1842 in New Lebanon, New York. He married Polly Younglove on 8 February 1802. Her line was also a long and well known one. Their children born in New Lebanon, New York were:

John born 1802 in New Lebanon, New York

Mary died in infancy

Mary B. (or Elizabeth) born 1809

Mose Younglove born 1811

Samuel Jones born 1814, Unmarried

George F. born 1817

Henry A.)
) twins born 1821
Henrietta)

The above outline completes an unbroken line from early Tildens through Nathaniel and Lydia (Bourne) Tilden to Samuel Jones Tilden. Somewhere toward the end of the outline there was a branch that lead to Stephen Tilden Jr., father of Elvira and Theoday and other children. That record has eluded the searching eyes of several professional genealogists. The records may have been lost through fires in churches, or homes. A father may have married twice and the names of children of one wife were not carried on the records.

No matter the cause, it would seem that the Elvira, Theoday and their brothers and sisters were near enough in relationship to Samuel J. Tilden to be called "cousins". Also they were near enough to have been in correspondence with the "New York Cousins", for when Samuel Jones Tilden died and left his fortune of several million dollars to the New York City Library, the "Cousins" there wrote the "Illinois Cousins" for help in breaking the will. Theoday (Tilden) Eayne often spoke to her children and grandchildren of her cousin Samuel J. Tilden.

A record sent the writer from the office of the Holland Land Grant Society listed one Stephen B. Tilden Sr. as taking land in Genesee County, New York in 1812. It was in Township 12, Range 4, in what is now Newstead, Erie County, New York. The record also includes a Stepehn B. Tilden Jr. taking land in Township 12, Range 5, or adjoining the land of Stephen B. Tilden Sr. The nearness of the land and the same names, one senior and one junior, seems to indicate that the two men were father and son.

Picking up Stephen B. Tilden Sr. as the father, the outline would continue with this Tilden having been born probably in Vermont or New York after 1700. He went from Vermont to New York sometime between 1800 and 1812. Nothing more was known except that he received land in Genesee County, New York and probably had a least one son, Stephen Jr.

Stephen B. Tilden Jr. was born about 1766 as his wife Bethia, said he was 36 when they were married in 1802. He died in 1842, before the 31 August, while on a boat trip up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Chester, Illinois. He and several of the party were killed by Indians. They were buried some place along the river. He married Bethiah or Bethia Richardson (?) about 1802. It was believed that the couple was married in Vermont. Here again problems arise for at one time part of Vermont became a part of New York when boundry lines were firmly established. Bethiah was born 15 February 1785 and died 4 May 1845 in Randolph County, Illinois at the age of 60.

It would seem that Stephen B. Tilden Jr. moved frequently for he left New York to take up land in Illinois before the territory became a state. In 1818 he moved his family to the area. His family remained in Illinois after his death.

The Holland Land Grant record, listed one John Richardson, who may have been Bethiah's father, as taking land in Township 12, Range 4 in Genesee County, New York. One Tobias Cole took land in Township 12, Range 5. Perhaps it was from the nearness of the families that there was some question as to whether Bethiah was a "Richardson" (or a "Cole") before she married Stepehn B. Tilden Jr.

The ten children of Bethiah (Richardson ?) and Stephen B. Tilden Jr. were as follows:

- Mary born about 1803 in Vermont, married John Sanders 16 December 1820 in Illinois.
- Elvira born about 1806 in New York, married J. Rice Benson 17 February 1831
Maria in Perry County, Illinois. (See Benson)
- Theoday born about 1807 in New York, married M. Elisha Layne 18 October 1830, died 1880 in Illinois. Five children John, Stephen B., Adaline, Susan, and Caroline Layne. Stephen B. Layne married Henrietta Christine Hasslinger 25 October 1866. Not liking her own name, she gave it as "Jane Hazard". It was later changed, to her correct name, by affidavit. Seven children were born of which Callie was the second oldest. She married Walter H. Mann on 5 December 1888 in Illinois, nine children were born. A daughter Margaret, sixth child, and her mother were of great help in establishing the descendants of Stephen B. Tilden Jr. Both Callie Mann and Margaret Mann McNabney were living in Chester, Illinois in May 1963. Both were widows.
- Marcia (or Martha Aurellia) born 4 February 1811 in Franklin County, Vermont, married Benjamin Barnes 3 March 1834.
- Laura Louise - born _____, married Edward B. Harris 13 November 1839.
- Sophia P. or Sofia - born 1825 in Illinois, married Isaac Tindall 26 February 1852.
- Elizabeth - born in Illinois _____ married William M. Justice 20 August 1847.
- Oscar born in Illinois
- Stephen B. III - born in Illinois _____ married Bethena Keaton 10 June 1861.
- Harriet born in Illinois _____ married four times. 1st, Wm. Rodgers; 2nd, Marion J. Towsley 20 August 1847; 3rd, Archibald Gilchrist; 4th, Michael F. Swartzcope.

A S P E C I A L T H A N K Y O U

And now - - -

And now before the final period is placed, the final dangling participle is undangled and the covers of this book are closed, there is one to whom we would like to extend our sincere "thanks" for the time she spent in helping to complete the work on this history.

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